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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield the 12th of 11th mo: 1804 By the Name of Smithfield ; Quarterly Meeting, It being by the direction of the Yearly Meeting a part taken from Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, Composed by four Monthly Meetings. Namely Smithfield, Uxbridge, Richmond & Bolton. — The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are. —

For Smithfield Elizabeth Sprague Elizabeth Smith Anna Thornton & Anna Harris. —

For Uxbridge Ruth Aldrich Sarah Arnold & Thankful Battey. —

For Richmond Joanna Twichel & Comfort Boyce

For Bolton Rachel Fry Sarah Holder & Mary Watson. — The Representatives being called were all present except Sarah Holder whose absence was occationed by sickneſs. —

Elizabeth Smith appointed Clerk & Ruth Aldrich aſsistant clerk for the Day. —

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter with Answers to the Queries likewise a summary was presented collected therefrom which is as follows. —

Ansr. 1st Meetings for Worship & Discipline duly attended except some complaint of midweek Meetings being small, the hour mostly observed, none who wholly give up to sleep altho some are tried therewith Clear of other unbecomeing behaviour. —

Ansr. 2d:

Ansr. 2nd. It appears there a remnant in each Meetin measureably concerned to maintain Love & unity as quene after, it appears that Talebearing Backbiting & evil reports is mostly discouraged tho' not so fully as would be best, Care taken to end differences.

Ansr. 12th. Care taken to deal with offenders & place Judgment where it has appeared necessary according to our Discipline except one Instance expressed more care needed.

Elizabeth Sprague & Anna Harris are appointe to procure a Record Book to Record the minutes of the Meeting in, & Report the expence to next Quarterly Meeting.

The Mens Meeting informed that by the request of Bolton Monthly Meeting It was concluded in futer ~~that~~ Bolton Monthly Meeting be held the fourth Day before the last fifth Day in each Month.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the second Month next if permitted

Signed by — Elizabeth Smith Clerk for the Day

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield the 11th. of 2nd. mo. 1802.

The Representatives from the several Monthly named in the accounts composeing this Quarter are

For Smithfield Mary Wing Anna Thornto & Lydia Smith.

For Uxbridge Lydia Smith & Isabella Mowry.

For Richmond Susanna Harkness & Susanna Taft.

For Bolton Sarah Holder Rachel Fry & Elizabeth Southwick

Representatives being called none appeared for Richmon nor no reason rendered, Satisfactory reasons being render for Sarah Holder & Elizabeth Southwick not attending the others named in the accounts present.

Elizabeth Smith is appointed Clerk to this Meeting for the ensuing year & Ruth Aldrich is appointed assistant clerk for the Day.

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter with answers to the Queries that is first second & Twelvth, with a Summary collected therefrom as follows

Ansr 1st It appears all Meetings for Worship & Discipline have been kept up tho' sometimes by a small number for which some care has been taken, the Hour generally observed & mostly clear of Sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour.

Ansr 2nd Love & unity appears to be in a good degree maintained tho' not so fully as queried after Talebearing Backbiting & evil reports discouraged, care taken to ~~heal~~ differences.

Ansr 12th A concern still subsists among friends for regular dealing with offenders & likewise to place Judgment according to discipline except one instance remarked of some deficiency in that respect.

The Mens Meeting informed they had united with Bolton Monthly Meeting in regard to the Publick appearance of Thomas Watson in the Ministry which this Meeting unites with. - Likewise with uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Asa Potter to the Station of a Elder which meets the approbation of this Meeting.

The friends appointed to procure a Record Book presented one which this Meeting accepts of

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet again in the fifth Month at Smithfield if permitted

Signed By Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Smithfield the 13th of 5th mo 1802

The Representatives from the several Monthly
composing this Quarter are
For Smithfield Hannah Smith & Anna Harris—
For Uxbridge Eunice Potter, Lucy Comstock, & Sarah Eddy
For Richmond Ruth Baſset & Cynthia Southwick—
For Bolton Lydia Gates, Elizabeth Badcock, & Sarah
Houghton. Representatives being called all
present.

Suſanna Harkneſs & Suſanna Taft sent
satisfactory reasons for not attending last
Quarterly Meeting.

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings
belonging to this Quarter with Answers to the
Queries. Likewise a summary was presented
collected therefrom which is as follows—

First It appears that Meetings for Worship &
Discipline have been duly attended by the
greater part, tho a neglect in several Meetings
is noticed for which Labour hath been bestowed
generally careful to observe the Hour, in good
measure preserved from sleeping & unbecoming
behaviour in Meetings.

2nd It appears that Love & unity is in a good degree
maintained. Altho a fear not so fully a Queried
after, a care remains to discourage Tale-bearing
Backbiting & of spreading evil reports &
likewise to end differences

3rd There are a number in each Meeting who are endeavouring to bring up those under their direction as Queried after; yet it appears there is a falling short in others, clear as to pernicious Books as far as appears, mostly clear of corrupt conversation The Holy Scriptures frequently read in friends Families

4th Generally careful in the use of Spirituous liquors & of frequenting Taverns & publick places, as to True moderation & Temperance mostly clear.

5th Clear as far as we know.

6th There appears to have been a neglect both in Parents & Children in regard to Company keeping without consent, some instances of companying keeping out of society of which care has been taken careful to discourage disorderly Marriages as far as appears.

7th Clear as far as appears.

8th Clear accept Wills.

9th Careful in each part as far as appears.

10th Clear as far as appears.

11th Mostly careful as to records care taken as to Certificates.

12th Care hath been taken to deal with offenders Measureably as Queried after, and to place Judgment yet we fear not without delay.

General Answers with an account to the yearly Meeting being prepared in this Meeting is directed to be sent forward to the yearly Meeting by our Representatives Lydia Gates Lydia Smith Deborah Mowry & Elizabeth Smith who are appointed to attend the yearly Meeting & Report to next Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Bolton in the Eighth month next if permitted Signed By Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Bolton for Smithfield the 19th of 8th mo. 1802

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter are
For Smithfield Anna Thornton, Hannah Callum & Alice Rathbun
For Uxbridge Lydia Smith, Lucy Greene, & Bathsheba Aldrich
For Richmond Susanna Harkness, Rachel Mowry, & Nancy Southwick
For Bolton Lydia Fry, Sarah Holder, & Lydia Gates.

Representatives being called all present.

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter, with Answers to the first second & Twelvth Queries, likewise a summary was presented collected therefrom which was Read approved of, & is a follows

1st. It appears that all our Meetings have been duly attended by a considerable Number except one occasioned by rainy weather, these are careful to observe the Hour, while others appear to negligent in these important Dutys for which some labour has been bestowed, most friends are careful to avoid sleeping in Meetings, nor much appearance of other unbecoming behaviour.

2nd. Love & unity are maintained amongst us tho' not so fully as becomes our Christian Proffesion, It appears that Talebearing Backbiting & Spreading Evil Reports are not enough discouraged by all, nor any differences appear since the last account.

12th Some care taken to deal with offenders measureably as Truth requires, & Judgment hath been placed accordingly.

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, Inform they attended agreable to appointment, And presented the Transcript of a London Epistle dated 5th mo. 1801 Likewise a Transcript of a Philidelphia Epistle dated 4th mo. 1802 Also the Extracts from Our yearly Meeting Minutes, All recommending much Weighty & Interesting advice were Read to the solid satisfaction of many Minds, And were directed to be forwarded by the Representatives to the several Monthly Meetings

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the Eleventh Month next if permitted

Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield the 11th of the 11th mo. 1802

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter are

For Smithfield Elizabeth Sprague Henry Allen & Anna Harris

For Uxbridge Phebe Mackentire Sarah Arnold & Molly Aldrich.

For Richmond Joanna Twichel & Mary Southwick

For Bolton Hannah Wheeler & Tamzin Southwick

Representatives called all present except Joanna Twichel & Mary Southwick, & no Reasons rendered for their not attending

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter with Answers to the First Second & Twelfth Queries, likewise a Summary presented & collected therefrom which was read approved & is as follows. —

1st All our Meetings for worship & Discipline have been attended by a considerable part of friends altho' some neglect in most Meetings the Hour generally observed, mostly preserved from sleeping & other unbecoming Behaviour —

2nd Love & unity is in a good degree maintained tho' we fear not altogether so fully a Queried after. A care rests on friends minds to discourage Talebearing Backbiting & spreading evil reports no open Differences has appeared yet there is a care on that account

12th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust measureably in the spirit of meekness and Wisdom yet there appears a shortness in fully coming on that account Judgment hath been placed where it hath appeared necessary

Received the Transcript of the New-York Epistle which hath been read to satisfaction & coppies directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meetings by the Representatives.

We have been favoured at this time with the Company of our Beloved Friend Martha Routh from New-Bedford Monthly Meeting whose Religious services & Gospel labours have been truly acceptable & refreshing to us.

- This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet again at Smithfield in the second Month next if permitted

Signed By Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield the [illegible] 2nd mo 1803

The representatives from the several Monthly Meetings composeing this Quarter are

For Smithfield Elizabeth Smith & Susanna [illegible]
For Uxbridge Sarah [illegible] & Phebe Southwick
For Richmond Ruth Bakel & Rachel Mowry
For Bolton Lydia Gates & [illegible] Southwick

Representatives

Representatives called all present except Ruth Hopkins & Thomas Lower, Ruth Hopkins sent a satisfactory reason for her not attending

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter with answers to the Queries & therefrom a Summary prepared [illegible] therefrom which were read approved & is as follows

1st Meetings for Worship & discipline have all been attended except one instance occasioned by a great rain generally by the greatest part of friends some complaint in one answer of midweek Meetings being small Sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear.

2nd Love & unity appears to be pretty well maintained tho' considerable short of what is Queried after a care rests on the minds of friends to discourage talebearing backbiting & spreading of evil reports care taken to end differences

12th There appears to be a care in each Meeting to deal with the offenders at the earliest in one Answer & no care being needed, & Judgment placed according to discipline.

Richmond Monthly Meeting sent up in their account they had approved of the Publick appearance [illegible] in the Ministry this Meeting after solidly weighing the matter thinks best to refer it to next Quarterly Meeting for a further consideration accordingly
[illegible]

Bolton Monthly Meeting sent up in there accoun[t]
they had approved of the publick appearance of [illegible]
Fry in the Ministry, & this Meeting after a season-
-ble consideration upon the Matter, referred to next
Quarterly Meeting for the approbation of the [illegible]
Meeting.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet
at Leicester in the 5th month next if permitted
Signed on behalf of said Meeting by
Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women [illegible] held at
Leicester by adjournment the 19th of the 8th mo. [illegible]
The Representatives from the several Monthly
Meetings belonging to this Quarter Are
For Smithfield Deborah [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Smith & Anna [illegible] —
For Uxbridge Isabel Mowry Sarah Southwick &
Isabella Chase —
For Richmond Susanna [illegible] & Hannah [illegible]
For Bolton Sarah [illegible] & Lydia Fry
Representatives being called all present except
Sarah [illegible] a satisfactory reason being rendered
for her not attending
Lydia Fry on behalf of the Representatives proposed
to the Meeting that Elizabeth Smith be continued
clerk to this Meeting & Lydia Smith assistant
clerk for the ensuing year which Meeting the
approbation of this Meeting accordingly they are
appointed. — Received accounts from all the Monthly
Meetings composing this Quarter with answers
to the Queries [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

therefrom which with some alteration is approved
& is as follows

1st. Our Meetings appear to have been duly attended by most of our members, the hour generally observed, mostly clear of Sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour when met.

2nd. Love & unity is generally maintained amongst us a concern appears to rest on the Minds of Friends to discourage Talebearing Backbiting & the Spreading of evil reports, & to end differences tho' there appears to be some few instances in each part for which care has been taken.

3rd. We believe there is a good Degree of care taken amongst us to bring up those under our care in plainess as Queried after, & to restrain them from Reading pernicious Books & the corrupt conversation of the World, & to be examplary ourselves, yet we fear there is a falling Short in some both in example & precept.

4th. Friends appear to be generally careful in the use of Spirituous Liquors not quite clear of frequenting Taverns & places of publick resort some care taken, no complaint in the latter part of this query.

5th. Care appears to have taken in regard to the poor, none placed out that we know of.

6th. A care remains amongst to discountenance those under our care accompanying on account of Marriage without consent, we fear the unmarried are not so careful as they ought to be on that account, Some instances of keeping company out of Society, for which care has been taken, generally careful to discountenance disorderly marriages.

7th. We believe our Testimony is born against the several particulars mentioned in each part of this Query.

8th. There appears to be no neglect except that of Wills.

9th. A Testimony born against Slavery none amongst us who have been held therein.

10th. There appears to be no breach in this Query.

11th. Generally careful as to records, not clear in respect to Certificates care is taken.

12th. A considerable care taken to deal with offenders we hope as Queried after & to place Judgment when necessary.

General Answers agreed on in this Meeting & in [illegible] [illegible] with these are directed to be forward-ed to the yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Anna [illegible] Rachel Fry Lucy Greene & Avis Shove, & they to report to next Quarterly Meeting.

The Mens Meeting informed they united with this Meeting & Bolton Monthly in regard to the publick appearance in the Ministry of Lydia Fry

The matter respecting Mary Southwick's publick appearance in the Ministry coming again under consideration & this Meeting after a deliberate consideration unites with Richmond Monthly Meeting in regard to her publick appearance likewise having the approbation of the Mens Meeting

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting sent up in their account they approved of the publick appearance of Esther Smith in the Ministry which this Meeting after a solid consideration unites with.

Bolton Monthly Meeting sent up in their account they approved Lydia Getty to the station of an Elder which meets the unity of this & the Mens Meeting.

Deborah [illegible] is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly that this Meeting approves the publick appearance of Mary Southwick & Lydia Fry in the Ministry likewise the appointment of Lydia Getty to the Station of an Elder

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Bolton in the Eighth Month if permitted

Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton for Smithfield 15th of 8th mo 1803
The Representatives from the several Monthly belonging to this Quarter are
For Smithfield Hannah Smith & Patience Wall
For Uxbridge Rachel Bassett & Sarah Todd Jr
For Richmond Mary Southwick & Joanna Twichel
For Bolton Sarah Houghton Sarah Fry & Mary Watson, Representative all present except Joanna Twichel, no excuse. —

This Meeting was informed the Representatives from last Quarter attended the yearly Meeting according to appointment except Avis Shove who was prevented by Sickness. —

Deborah Mowry having neglected to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of the approving of the Publick appearance of Mary Southwick & Lydia Fry in the Ministry & the appointment of Lydia Gates to the Station of an Elder She is reappointed to inform the next Select Quarter. —

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter with answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries likewise a Summary collected therefrom being approved of & is as follows

Ansr 1st It appears that all Meetings for Worship & Discipline have been Duly attended by a considerable Number the Hour observed by those Some appear to have been neglectful herein some care taken Generally clear of Sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour in Meetings

2nd Love & unity appear to have been maintained tho' not so fully as Queried, for it appears that Friends are mostly careful to discourage talebearing & Detraction no differences that appears -

12th A good degree of care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders & to place Judgment altho' there appears to have been some unnecessary delay.—

The extracts from the minutes of the yearly Meeting of Women friends held on Rhode Isl. by adjournments from the 13th to 15th of 6th mo 1803 together with Transcripts of the London Philadelphia & New-york Epistles have been Read to good satisfaction Lydia Smith is directed to forward them to the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging.—

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the Eleventh mo. if permitted — Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by Lydia Smith assistant Cle

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield 10th of 11th mo 1803

The Representatives appointed from the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging are

For Smithfield Elizabeth Sprague Nancy Buffum Anna Harris —
For Uxbridge Susanna Farnum & Isabel Chase
For Richmond Joanna Thrasher Susanna Harkness & Lucy Thrasher —
For Bolton Lydia Gates Anna Wheeler & Sarah Holder

Representatives Call'd all present except Ann
Hathaway & Anna Harris, they sent Satisfactory
reasons for their absence.

Joanna Trickel Informed this Meeting she
was not at the [illegible] last Quarterly Meeting

Deborah [illegible] informed she informed the
[illegible] Meeting of the approving [illegible]
appearance of Mary Southwick & Lydia Fry
in the Ministry & of Lydia [illegible] being
appointed to the Station of an Elder.

Having received accounts from all the
Monthly Meetings composing this Quart.
with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries
a Summary therefrom is as follows

1st [illegible] for [illegible] & Dis-
-cipline have been duly attended by a con-
-siderable number, Some appear to have
been remiss herein Some care taken
generally [illegible] of Sleeping & other unbecom-
-ing behaviour in Meeting.

2nd Love & unity appears to have been gene-
-rally maintained among us altho' some
appearance of the Contrary, Detraction
measurebly altho' not enough guarded
against no differences appear.

12th A General care appears to remain that
[illegible] as Queried after for
& to place Judgment when necessary.

Our Esteemed Friend Mary Mitchel
attended this Meeting with a Copy of a
Minute from the Monthly Meeting of Nan-
-tucket [illegible] Meeting [illegible]
whose Company & Services has been truly
edifying & encouraging [illegible]

Our beloved Friend Anna [illegible] from [illegible]
Island Monthly Meeting also attended this Meeting
whose services hath been to our general satisfaction
& encouragement in the Truth

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at
Smithfield in the 2nd month if permitted
Signed & on behalf of our above said Meeting
by Lydia Smith Asst. Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held
at Smithfield 2nd mo 9th 1804
The Representatives from the several Monthly
Meetings belonging to this Quarter are
For Smithfield Lucy Allen & Patience Arnold
For Uxbridge Sarah [illegible] Bathsheba Thayer & [illegible]
Shove
For Richmond Ruth [illegible] [illegible]
For [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Representatives all present except Sarah
Arnold & Dorcas Shove the latter sent a
satisfactory cause for her not attending
Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings
with answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries like
wise a Sumary collected therefrom which was
[illegible] as follows:
1st It appears that all our Meetings for worship
& Discipline have been attended except a
[illegible] [illegible] to be [illegible] tho' [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Meetings on
[illegible] account & [illegible] care has been taken [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from
sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour [illegible]

9th Love & unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us Detraction measurably guarded against some care taken to end differences.

10th Some care has been taken to deal with offenders tho' some remissness appears in regard to a season-able Discharge of Duty on this account Judgment placed when it appeared necessary.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Leicester in the 5th mo. If permitted

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting

By Eliza. Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Leicester for Smithfield 5th mo. 14th 1804 The Representatives appointed from the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging are

From Smithfield Deborah Mowry Abigail Mead & Anna Harris.

From Uxbridge Rachel Bassett Sarah Earle & Lydia Smith

From [illegible] Mary [illegible] Smith & Amey Handy

From Bolton Sarah Holder Mary Watson & Sarah Fry

Representatives called all present except Amey Handy who sent a satisfactory reason for her absence.

This Meeting appoints Lydia Smith Clerk at this time

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter with answers to the Queries likewise a Summary collected therefrom received approval and is as follows —

1st Our Meetings for Worship & Discipline appear to ha
been duly attended excepting some by reason of
difficulty of Travelling, yet there are some member
deficient in that respect Some care taken, the Hour
mostly observed, generally clear of Sleep & other unbe
-coming behaviour.

2nd Love & unity in a good degree maintained amongst
us, mostly careful to guard against detraction clear
of Differences as far as appears.

3rd Friends appear to be mostly careful to bring up
those under their direction in plainness agreeable to the
Query, and to caution them against reading per-
-nicious Books & the corrupt conversation of the
World, endeavouring to be examplary themselves, the
Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their Families

4th Friends are generally careful in each part of this Query

5th The Necessary care is taken as far as appears.

6th Parents & Guardians as well as the unmarried general-
-ly observe this Query, yet it appears there are some
instances of those who have not guarded our Testimony
on their accounts, so faithfully as would be best some
care taken.

7th Friends generally bear Testimony agreeable to the requirings
of this Query.

8th We know of no deficiency regarding this Query.

9th Our Testimony is born against Slavery, & there is none
under our care who have been [illegible].

10th No deficiency appears in this Query.

11th A care rests on the Minds of Friends in respect to recom
& care likewise is taken in respect to Certificates.

12th Care is taken to Deal with offenders we hope in a
good Degree agreeable to the requirings of this Quer
& to place Judgment according to Discipline.

This Meeting having collected general Answers to the Queries which we forward with an account to our next Yearly Meeting by our Friends Patience Earl Lydia Smith, Phebe Southwick & Deborah Morony they to inform of their attendance at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our Esteamed Friend Mary Mitchel attended this Meeting and informed us her Services appeared to be nearly performed in this Quarter, this Meeting hath directed an endorsement upon the Copy of a minute which she brot from the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket for the Northern district expressive of our comfort & satisfaction in her Company & Labour of Love amongst us.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Bolton in the 8th mo. if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of our above said Meeting.

By Lydia Smith Clerk at this Time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Bolton for Smithfield the 16th of 8th month 1804

2 The Representatives appointed from the several Monthly Meetings are

For Smithfield Hannah Cullum, Lydia Smith & Patience Wall.
For Uxbridge Anna Wheler Lucy Green & Rachel Bassett.
For Richmond Joanna Twichel Susanna Harkney & Mary Southwick.
For Bolton Lydia Fry Tamzen Southwick & Hannah Holder. The representatives called all present except Lydia Smith, she being absent by being unwell

Lydia Smith is appointed Clerk at this time

Deborah Mowry & Lydia Smith informed they attended the yearly Meeting according to appointment, this Meeting was informed the others attended Also

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries a Summary collected therefrom was Read & approved & is as follows

1st it appears that Meetings both for worship & Discipline have been attended altho. Some Slackness appears in most Meetings, on which account Some care has been taken, the Hour Generally observed Some appearance of Sleeping & drowsiness tho mostly clear of that & unbecoming behaviour.

2nd Love & unity Measurably maintained & detraction guarded against tho' an exception in One Meeting generally clear of differences.

12th A good degree of care appears to remain to deal with offenders as queried after & to place judgment according to Discipline

A Transcript of a London Epistle of 1803 One From Philadelphia of 1804, One from New-York of 1804 Also an Extract from Our yearly Meeting held on Rhode-Island 1804 have been Read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet ~~at~~ Smithfield in the Eleventh Month if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of our abovesaid Meeting

By Lydia Smith Clerk for the time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 8th of 11th mo. 1804

The Representatives appointed by the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging are

For Smithfield Lydia Read Rowena Smith & Hannah Callum.
For Uxbridge Phebe Mackentire & Sarah Arnold.
For Richmond Susanna Taft & Ruth Bassett.
For Bolton Sarah Holder & Tamzin Southwick.

Representatives being called all present Except Susanna Taft Ruth Bassett & Sarah Holder, Ruth Bassett & Sarah Holder sent satisfactory Reasons for their absence, no reason for Susanna Tafts absence.

The Representatives informed that it was proposed to appoint Elizabeth Smith Clerk & Lydia Smith assistant Clerk to this Meeting for one year which meets the unity of this Meeting & accordingly they are appointed they consenting thereto.

Recd accounts from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries likewise a summary presented by the Representatives collected therefrom which being Read is approved & is as follows

Our Beloved Friend Betsey Purinton from Salem Monthly Meeting attended this Meeting Her Company & Gospel Services have been truly acceptable to us.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet again at Smithfield in the 2nd mo. next if permitted
Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2nd mo. 7th 1805 — The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings Are

For Smithfield Patience Wall, Lavina Southwick & Elizabeth Sprague.

For Uxbridge Anna Wheeler Content Comstock & Rachel Bassit.

For Richmond Susanna Harkness & Lucy Twitchel

For Bolton Theodate Pope Tamzin Southwick & Lydia Gates.

Representatives all present except Lucy Twitchel Tamzin Southwick & Lydia Gates no reasons rendered for their absence.

Recd accounts from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter with answers to the Queries that are generally Answered Likewise a summary presented by the Representatives collected therefrom which was Read approved of & is [illegible]

1st Meetings both for Worship & Discipline appear to have been attended by a considerable part of Our Members tho' a Slackneſs in that Respect, some care appears to have been taken; The Hour generally observed mostly clear of Sleeping & unbecoming Behaviour —

2nd Love & unity measureably maintained & detraction somewhat guarded against no Differences appear

12th There appears to remain a care amongst us to Deal with offenders as Queried after and to place Judgement according to Discipline.

Handed in from the Mens Meeting an Epistle from our Beloved Friend George Churchman containing much weighty & pertinent advice which hath been Read to the satisfaction & encouragement of many Minds.

The Mens Meeting informed they had united with Bolton Monthly Meeting in regard to the publick appearance of Abel Haughton in the Ministry which this Meeting likewise unites with.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Leicester in the 5th mo. next if permitted

Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Leicester the 9th of 5th mo. 1805

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter are

For Smithfield Elizabeth Sprague & Rowena Smith
For Uxbridge Rachel Baſset Elce Southwick & Ruth Chase
For Richmond Mary Southwick & Lucy Trickel
For Bolton Rachel Fry & Tamzin Southwick

Representatives all present.

The Representatives that were absent at our last Quarterly Meeting sent satisfactory Reasons for their absence

Rec.d accounts from all the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter with answers to the Queries likewise a Summary collected therefrom which was Read approved & is as follows

1st. All Meetings appear to have been attended by a considerable part of our Members who are careful to observe the Hour a Slackness is observed in some of which care appears to have been taken not alltogether clear of Sleeping & unbecoming behaviour some care taken.

2nd. Love & unity in a good Degree Maintained & thereby detraction Measureably Guarded against care appears to have been taken to end Differences.

3rd. There seems to be a fear lest some are not so careful as would be best in bringing up those under their care in plainness as Queried for tho' a care on that account remains generally careful as to pernicious books & corrupt conversation also in Reading the Scriptures & being good Examples.

4th. Friends appear to be in a good Degree carefull in these respects except one instance in which care is taken.

5th. The necessary appears to have been taken on those accounts

6th. There seems to be a fear lest Parents & Children are not so careful as would be best in Regard to keeping Company without consent not clear of Keeping Company & Marrying out of Society of which care has been taken.

8th. Clear as far as appears.

9th. Generally carefull to Maintain our Testimony against Slavery.

10th. Clear as far as appears.

11th. Carefull on those accounts.

12th. Care hath been taken to deal with offenders & to place Judgment when necessary.

Generally Answers hath been prepared in this Meeting
with an account to the Yearly Meeting which is Directed
to be forwarded by Our Representatives who are
Anna Thornton Sarah Holder Elizabeth Smith
& Rachel Bassett. They who are to attend said Meeting
are desired to report their attendance to next Quarterly
Meeting.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at
Bolton in the 8th month next if permitted
Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends
held at Bolton the 15th of 8th md. 1805
The Representatives from the several Monthly
Meetings Composing this Quarter are
For Smithfield Nancy Battey Lydia Read & Hannah Callum
For Uxbridge Sarah Congdon & Isabella Chase.
For Richmond Rachel Mowry Susanna Harkness & Mary Southwick
For Bolton Dinah Larkin Theodate Pope & Hannah
Holder. — Representatives called all present
except Rachel Mowry a Satisfactory reason being
Rendered for her absence. —

Received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings
composing this Quarter with answers to the 1st, 2nd
& 12th Queries Likewise a Summary collected
therefrom which was Read approved & is as follows
1st. All Meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline have
been attended, except Two which were prevented by
a great Storm of Rain the Hour pretty well obser-
ved Friends Mostly preserved from Sleeping
& other unbecoming behaviour when met.

2nd Love & unity in a good Degree maintained amongst us Detraction somewhat guarded against where any Differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

12th A care rests on the Minds of friends, for Regular Dealing with offenders Measureably as Queried after & to place Judgment according to Discipline.

Received the Transcripts of the London Philadelphia & New York Epistles together with the Extracts from our Yearly Meeting minutes all which have been Read to Satisfaction & Coppys of the London & New york Epistles were handed to the Representatives to forward to the Several Monthly Meetings, The Philadelphia Epistle & the extracts from the last yearly Meeting minutes Refered to our next Quarterly Meeting

The Friends that were appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting attended agreable to appointment

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Aldrich came into this Meeting & expressed a Concern that had for some time attended his Mind to pay a Religious visit to Friends of East Town Quarterly Meeting & some other Meetings in New york yearly Meeting which met the near unity & sympathy of this Meeting & likewise produced a Certificate from uxbridge Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity, with an Indorsement of the Mens Quarterly Meeting which was signed in this Meeting by the Clerk

This Meeting concludes & Adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the 11th month if permitted

Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clk

e At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield the 7th of 11th mo. 1805

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter are

For Smithfield Elizabeth Sprague Abigail Rhodes & Anna Smith.

For Uxbridge Susanna Farnum & Dinah Aldrich

For Richmond Lucy Trichel & Rachel Mowry

For Bolton Sarah Houghton Zeriah Wheeler & Tamzin Southwick. — Representatives Called all present except Rachel Mowry

Received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings Composing this Quarter with Answers to the queries that are generally Answered likewise a Summary presented Collected therefrom which was read approved & is as follows

1st All our Meetings for religious Worship & Discipline have been attended by the greater part of our Members Altho we observe with sorrow a remissness in some, the Hour Generally observed by those who feel an engagement to attend. Friends guard against sleeping & mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour when met.

2nd Love & unity are in a good degree maintained by the most of friends, Detraction mostly guarded against, and where any Differences have arisen care has been taken to end them

12th Friends are mostly careful to deal with offenders as
Queried after & to place Judgment agreable to Discipline

Coppys of the Philadelphia Epistle & Extract from
our last Yearly Meeting Minutes being presented
were directed to be forwarded by the Representatives
to the several Monthly Meetings.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at
Smithfield in the 2nd mo. if permitted
Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at
Smithfield the 13th of 2nd mo. 1806
The Representatives from the several Monthly
Meetings composing this Quarter are
For Smithfield Lavina Southwick Hannah Smith &
Alice Rathburn,
For Uxbridge Mary Aldrich Anna Wheeler & Rachel
Basset.
For Richmond Mary Southwick & Susanna Harkness
For Bolton Lydia Fry Lydia Gale & Tamzin Southwick.
Representatives called all present except Mary
Southwick & Susanna Harkness, no reasons rendered
for their absence.

Lavina Southwick on behalf of the Representatives
proposed to appoint Elizabeth Smith Clerk & Alice
Rathburn Assistant Clerk for the year ensuing & with
the Approbation of this Meeting they are appointed
for one year

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meeting
belonging to this Quarter with Answers to the Queries
that are usually Answered Likewise a Summary
presented collected therefrom which was here
approved & is as follows.—

1st. Meetings for Worship & Discipline have been
attended by a considerable part of our Members
except some instances in difficult weather
altho there is a slackness in this Important Duty
some care taken, the Hour pretty well observed by
those who attend & generally guarded against
Sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour.—

2nd. Love & unity are in a good Degree preserved
amongst us Detraction mostly guarded against
Some care taken to end Differences—

12th. There appears to be a care in each Meeting
to Deal with offenders according as is queried
and to place Judgement when necessary.—

Smithfield sent up in their account that they
with the unity of the Mens Meeting had appo-
inted Elizabeth Smith wife of Thad to the
Station of an Elder which being weightily
laid before this Meeting is cordially United
with & having the unity of the Men friends
therein — We appoint our Friend Anna
Thornton to inform the Select Quarterly
Meeting & report to our next Quarterly Meeting

Bolton sent up in their account that they
with the unity of the Mens Meeting had appoin-
ted Sarah Hougton to the Station of an
Elder which this Meeting feelingly

unites with having the unity of the Mens Meeting therewith, Rachel Bassett is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof & report to next Quarterly Meeting Meeting.

Smithfield also sent up in their account that they had united with the Mens Meeting in the appointment of Peace Batty to the same Station which met the approbation & unity of this Meeting.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Leicester in the 5th mo. next If permitted

Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk.

At a quarterly meeting of women friends held at Leicester the 4th of ye 4th mo. 1806 the representatives from the several monthly meetings belonging to this quarter are for Smithfield Hyrena Simon, Deborah Henry, and Alice Rathbon; For Uxbridge Anna Wheler, Mary Aldrich, and Sarah Earl For Richmond Joanna Twichel and Ruth Bassett. For Bolton; Mary Watson and Lydia Fry. Representatives called are all present except Mary Aldrich Anna Wheler, and Joanna Twichel; Satisfactory reasons were rendered for their absence. Mary Southwick and Susana Harkness, sent a satisfactory excuse for not attending our last quarterly meeting. Our beloved friend Naomi Hallock attended this meeting and produced a certificate from the creek monthly meeting of Nine partners dutches County in the State of Newyork her company and gospel Labours have been truly acceptable to us.

our beloved friend Lydia Arnold likewise attended this
meeting and produced a certificate from the monthly
meeting held at west hartford in Connecticut likewise
a concuring indorsment from the quarterly meting her
Company and gospel labours have been very accepta
ble to us. Anna Thornton informed the select meeting
had been inform.d of the appointment of Elizabeth Smith
and Sarah Haughton to the Station of Elders.
Received accounts from all the monthly meetings composing
this quarter with answers to the queries likewise
a summary [illegible] collected therefrom which
[illegible] are as follows.

General answers have been agreed on in this meeting with an account to the yearly meeting which is directed to be forwarded to the yearly meeting by our representatives who are as Rachel Buffum, Nancy Battey, Alice Rathbun, Lydia Read; who are appointed to attend said meeting and report their attendance to our next quarterly meeting. This meeting concludes and agrees to meet at Bolton in the 5th month if permitted.

Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton for Smithfield the 14th of 8th mo. 1801

Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter Are

For Smithfield Susanna Thompson, Abigail Read & Hannah [illegible]

For Uxbridge Cloe Southwick, Dinah Aldrich & Elizabeth Bowen.

For Richmond Molly Randall, Susanna Harkness & Comfort Boyce.

For Bolton Hannah Wheeler & Hannah Southwick. Representatives called all present.

Their accounts from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter with answers to the Queries usually answered also a Summary collected therefrom which was read & is as follows—

Ans.r 1st All our Meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline have been attended by most of the members yet there are some who appear insensible of the necessity of this important Duty the Hour generally observed by those who attend, most Friends are engaged to [illegible] against sleeping, No other unbecoming behaviour appears.—

Ans.r 2nd Love & unity is in a good Degree maintained tho not without exception, Detraction We believe measurably guarded against, where Differences have arisen it appears that care has been taken to end them.—

Ans.r 12th We believe Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders measurably as ~~required~~ our Discipline directs & to place judgment where it appears necessary.

The Friends appointed to attend the yearly Meeting attended agreeable to appointment

Rec.d Transcripts of the Philadelphia & N. York Epistles for 1806 likewise the extracts from Our last yearly Meeting minutes all which have been read to Satisfaction & encouragement

Tamzin Southwick & Elizabeth Jillson [illegible] appointed to prepare Copys of s.d Epistles & Extracts & forward to each Monthly Meeting

The Clerk presented to this Meeting a Certificate Expressive of Our unity with Our Beloved Friends Naomi [illegible] & Lydia Arnold who attended our

our Quarterly Meeting of about that time are the particular Meetings belonging thereto, Which were Read & approved of in this & the Mens Meeting & signed by the Clerks of each Meeting, & Directed to be sent forward to the Monthly Meeting, to which they belonged.

Our Beloved Friends Sarah Hider & Lydia Fry, In a Weighty manner laid before this Meeting a concern ~~that~~ had for some time attended their Minds to pay a Religious visit to some Meetings in New-York Yearly Meeting with Certificates from Bolton Monthly Meeting for that purpose which with their concern Meeting the Near Sympathy & Unity of this Meeting likewise concurring Endorsement from this & the Mens being Annexed which was signed by the Clerks of both Meetings.

This Meeting concludes under an Humble sence that the Arm of Divine goodness has been Mercifully extended to us through the sitting of this Meeting & finds agreed to meet at Smithfield in the 11th month [illegible]

Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly of Women Friends held at Smithfield the 13th of the Eleventh Month 18
The Representatives from the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging are
For Smithfield Nancy Battey Abigail Mead & [illegible]
For Uxbridge Mary Mead & Chloe Southwick
For Richmond Joanna Prentice Ruth Bassett
For Bolton Hannah Wheeler & Rachel Fry.

Representatives called all present except Joanna Swinnel & Ruth Bassett,
Ruth Bassett sent a satisfactory excuse for her absence.

Rec.d acct.s from the Monthly Meeting with answers to the Queries, with a Summary collected therefrom which was read & accepted & is as follows —

Ans.r 1st It appears that all our Meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline have been attended, yet there is an apparent slackness in some in regard to attending mid Week Meetings some care taken & more needed, the hour generally attended to by those who fill an engagement to attend. We fear all do not sufficiently guard against sleeping mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met &c.

Ans.r 2nd Love & unity appears to be in a good degree preserved amongst us, detraction Measurably guarded against some taken in regard to differences

Ans.r 12 Care is taken to deal with offenders the first in a good degree as desired after likewise to place Judgment when it appears necessary agreeable to Discipline &c.

Read in this Meeting the printed London Epistle for 1806 containing many lively & pertinent Remarks which we hope may make lasting impressions on our minds.

This Meeting concludes & is to ~~[illegible]~~
at Smithfield in the 2nd mo. next if permitted
Sign'd by Elizabeth Smith Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Smithfield 12th of 2nd mo. 1807

The Representatives from the several Month-ly Meetings hereto belonging Are
For Smithfield Hannah Callum & Rowena Smith
For Uxbridge Phebe Macomber Rachel Farnum
& Bathsheba Aldrich
For Richmond Mary Southwick & Susanna Harkness
For Bolton Sally Pope & Hannah Holder.
Representatives called all present.

Their accounts & answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter, with a Summary collected there from which being Read is accepted. And is as follows

Ansr. 1st All our Meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline have been attended one small Meeting accepted which has not at all times been attended by reason of Sickness those on first Days & Meetings for business appear to have been attended by the greater part of friends that could reasonably attend, other Meetings frequently small, The Hour generally observed, some appearance of Sleeping, mostly clear of other unbecoming when met.

Ansr. 2nd Love & unity appear to be in a good degree maintained amongst us, tho not without some appearances of [illegible]ness, Detraction measurably guarded against, care taken to end Differences

Ansr. 12th A care rests on the [illegible]s of friends for the regular Dealing with offenders measurably is Queried after, Also for the placing of Judgment according to Discipline.

Our Esteemed Friends Sarah Holden & Lydia Fry Returned their Certificates to this Meeting Granted by Bolton Monthly Meeting held 7th mo. 1806 And endorsed by this Quarter held at Bolton 8th mo. 1806 to pay a Religious visit To Friends in some parts of New York yearly Meeting, They having Performed their visit We hope to their & Friends Satisfaction.

This Meeting Concludes & proposes to meet at Leicester in the 5th mo. if Permitted

Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Leicester for Smithfield the 7th of the 5th mo. 1807

The Representatives from the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging Are

For Smithfield Anna Thornton Hannah Callum & Rowena Smith.

For Uxbridge Sarah Southwick Ann Wheeler & Cloe Southwick.

For Richmond Susannah Harkness & Mary Southwick.

For Bolton Elizabeth Southwick & Lydia Fry.

The Representatives called all present except Rowena Smith Hannah Callum Susannah Harkness & Mary Southwick who Rendered Satisfactory Excuses.

Reced. accounts & Answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings, Likewise a Summary collected therefrom which being Read is accepted & are to be forwarded to Our yearly Meeting By Our Representatives, Who Are Avis Howe Bathsheba Aldrich Rachel Bassett & Lydia Gates, Who are Desired to Report their attendance to Our next Quarterly Meeting

The Summary is as Follows.

Ansr. 1st. Meetings For Religious Worship & Discipline have been Duly attended by a part of Our members, it appears that there are some who are negligent on this account, the Hour generally observed by those who attend, mostly preserved from sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour when met.

Ansr. 2nd Love & Unity appears to be in a good Degree maintained by the greater part altho a Deficiency in some, Detraction measurably guarded against tho' not so fully as would be best, some appearance of Differences but care taken.

Ansr. 3rd Friends Are generally careful to educate those under their care agreeable to this Query, yet we fear some are too negligent in the discharge of this Important Duty the Holy Scriptures are Read in Our Families tho' we fear not so often as would be best.

Ansr. 4th Most Friends are Careful to observe this Query, tho we fear Our youths are not all so carefull as would be best.

Ans.r 5th Friends are careful to observe this Query.

Ans.r 6th Most Parents & guardians are concerned to discourage those under their care against disorderly company keeping &c, tho' there is an instances of delay in not timely & tenderly perswadging to desist therefrom, the young & unmarried not all so careful as would be best, which has caused some instances ~~[illegible]~~ of disorderly Marriages are taken

Ans.r 7th No breach in this Query.

Ans.r 8th Clear as far as appears.

Ans.r 9th We bear Testimony against Slavery.

Ans.r 10th We no of no deficiency with regard to the several parts of this Query.

Ans.r 11th Mostly clear as to recording, None come or gone without certificates but what are under Notice.

Ans.r 12th A good Degree of care taken to Deal with offenders We trust measurably as Queried after tho' We fear not always so Seasonably as would be best, and to place Judgment according to Discipline.

We are informed by the Mens Meeting that they have appointed Reuben Randal to the Station of an Elder which this Meeting unites with.

This Meeting concludes & to meet again at Bolton in the 8th mo. if permitted.

Signed by Lydia Fry Clerk for the Day.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton for Smithfield the 20th of 8th mo. 1807

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging Are

For Smithfield Hyrena Thompson Deborah Mowry & Lavina Southwick.

For Uxbridge Mary Aldrich Dinah Aldrich & Amey Gaskill.

For Richmond Lucy Twichel Phebe Saben &
Nancy Southwick.

For Bolton Hannah Wheeler & Hannah Holder.
Who being call'd all present except Lucy Twichel
& Phebe Saben who sent satisfactory Reasons. —

Received accounts with Answers to the Queries
from all Our Monthly Meetings with a Summary
collected therefrom which hath been Read & accep-
ted & is as follows

Ans.t All Our Meetings have been attended, tho' there
is an apparent Slackness; the Hour generally
observed by those who feel an engagement to attend
Mostly clear of Sleep & other unbecoming behaviour
when met.

Ans.r 2nd Love & unity Measurably subsists among
us, and we believe there is a Care to guard against
Detractions, when Differences have arisen care has
been taken. —

Ans.r 12th Friends are careful to deal with offenders
measurably as Queried after & to place Judgment
when it appears necessary according to Discipline

The Representatives to Our yearly Meeting inform
they attended according to appointment

Several Transcripts of Epistles from Different
yearly Meetings have been Read to Our comfort
& Edification

We have been Favoured with the Company of Our
Beloved Friend Elizabeth Coggshall from New
york whose Gospel Labours of Love were
been Truly edifying & encourageing.

[illegible]

And likewise her Companion Hepzibah
Buffum from New port whose company
hath been truly acceptable.

The Men Friends informs that they have
appointed a Committee to visit each month-
ly Meeting belonging to this Quarter in
which We unite with them & appoint
Deborah Mowry, Sarah Holder & Lydia
Gates to join them therein.

This Meeting concludes & is to meet again
at Smithfield If permitted

Signed by Lydia Fry Clerk for the Day

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held
at Smithfield 11th mo. 1807 —

The Representatives from the Several
Monthly Meetings are:
Smithfield Elizabeth Arnold & Hannah Ballou
Northbridge Hannah Arnold & Judith Southwick
Fox hollow Sarah [illegible] Hannah Southwick
& Hannah Holder

Representatives called all present
No account from Richmond, no representatives present.

[illegible] Elizabeth Smith appointed Clerk & Alice
[illegible] assistant Clerk for one year

Answers [illegible] from all the Monthly Meetings
except Richmond [illegible] to the
Queries, likewise a Summary collected therefrom
which was Read & is as follows

1st Meetings for Worship & Discipline have been
kept up & Duly attended by a number

Some Slackness appears among us in this important Duty, Generally clear in the other parts

Ansr 2d It appears that Love & unity in some good Degree remains amongst us, & a care to guard against Detraction as Also to end Differences

Ansr 9th There is a care amongst us for [illegible] Dealing with Offenders & placing Judgment according to Discipline —

The Men friends In informed this Meeting that they have appointed a Committee to consider whether it might not be best to alter the holding our Quarterly Meeting We uniting with them therein appoint Deborah [illegible] Abigail [illegible] Hannah [illegible] Bethiah [illegible] & [illegible] to Join there committee in considering the Subject & Report to next Quarterly Meeting. This Meeting concludes & to meet at Smithfield in the 2d Mo next if permitted

Sign'd by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at [illegible] 9th Mo [illegible]

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter

Are

For Smithfield Lydia Read (Hannah Wilkinson
For Uxbridge Phebe Green } Sarah [illegible]
For Richmond Ruth Bassett Phebe [illegible]
For [illegible] Mercy Fry Hanna [illegible] & Lydia Fry

Representatives called all present except Ruth Bassett & Phebe [illegible], they sent satisfactory reasons for their absence

Rec.d accounts from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter with answers to the Queries that are generally answered also a Summary produced collected therefrom which was Read & approved after a little alteration

Ans.r 1 All Our Meeting for Religious Worship & Discipline have been attended, (One Monthly Meeting excepted) which are not at all times, some others by reason of Sickness, Those on first Day & Meetings for business appears to have been attended by the greater part of friends that can reasonably attend other Meetings frequently omitted, The Hour generally observed Some appearance of Sleeping mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met.

A.2d Love & unity appears to be in a good degree maintained amongst us, tho' not without some appearance of Weakness, Detraction measureably guarded against Care taken to end Differences

A.12th [illegible] in the [illegible] of friends for [illegible] with Dealing with offenders measurably [illegible] Queried after also for the placing of Judgment agreeable to Discipline.

The Committee appointed at Our Last Quarterly Meeting on the Subject of holding At the Quarterly Meeting Reported to this Meeting which being Read & considered is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting under the care of the Same Committee

This Meeting concludes [illegible] to meet at Leicester the 5th m.o next if Permitted

Sign.d by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Leicester

5th mo. 12th 1808

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are

For Smithfield Hannah Smith Susanna Southwick & Hannah Lapham

For Uxbridge Bathsheba Aldrich Hannah Arnold & Rachel Buffum

For Richmond Lydia Capp Susanna [illegible] Ruth [illegible]

For Bolton Lydia Gates, Hannah Southwick & Rachel Frye

Representatives called all present except Lydia Gates who sent a satisfactory reason for her absence

The Clerk not being present Alice Rathbun is appointed to that place & Hannah Arnold asst. Clerk

We have received answers to the Queries, & the Summary prepared therefrom, which with the Queries have been read in this Meeting, the Summary after some alteration being approved & is as follows

Ans. 1 Our Meetings for Worship & Discipline appear to have been attended excepting some by reason of difficulty of [illegible] there are some members deficient in that respect some care taken the hour mostly observed, generally clear of sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour.

A. 2d Love & unity in a good degree maintained amongst us mostly careful to guard against detraction clear of [illegible]

A 3d Friends appear to be mostly careful to [illegible] those under their care in [illegible] agreeable to the Query, & to caution them against reading harmful books & the corrupt conversation of the world endeavouring to be examples themselves the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families

Ans.r 4th Friends are mostly careful in each part of the Query

A. 5th The necessary care is taken as far as appears.

A. 6th Parents & Guardians as well as the unmarried generally observe this Query, yet I apprehend there are some Instances of those who have not regarded our Testimony on those accounts to faithfulness, as would be best some care taken.

A. 7th Friends generally bear a Testimony agreable to the requiring of this Query.

A. 8th We know of no deficiency regarding this Query.

A. 9th Our Testimony is born against slavery, & there are none under our care who have been held therein

A. 10th No deficiency appears in this Query.

A. 11th is care taken in the minds of Friends with regard to Recording, & care is likewise taken in regard to Certificates.

A. 12th Care is taken to deal with offenders We hope in a good degree agreable to the requiring of this Query, & to place Judgment according to Discipline. And to be forwarded with our answers to our next Yearly Meeting by our Representatives Patience Earl, Abel Rathbun, Elizabeth Dixon Jr & Susanna Harvey who are appointed to attend the yearly Meeting & to report to next Quarter.

The Committee appointed in the 11th mo. last to take into consideration the holding the Quarterly Meeting report they propose to hold the Quarterly Meetings in future as follows

At Bolton 2d 5th Day in the 8th mo.

At Leicester 2d 5th Day in the 11th mo.

At Smithfield 2d 5th Day in the 2d mo.

At Northbridge 2nd 5th Day in the 5th mo. with the
publick Meeting at each place with which
this Meeting unites

This Meeting concludes under a heavenly covering
of Divine Love, & proposes to meet at Bolton in
8th mo. if permitted

Signed by Alice Rathbun Clerk for the Day

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Bolton 8th mo. 11th 1808

The Representatives from the several
Monthly Meetings are

For Smithfield Elizabeth Smith Elizabeth Mann & Lydia
Read.
For Uxbridge Ann White & Patience Earl.
For Richmond Hannah Southwick Susanna Harkness
& Molly Randall.
For Bolton Hannah Wheeler Hannah Southwick
& Hannah Holder.

Representatives called all present except
Susanna Harkness she being absent by
reason of sickness
Received accounts from all the Monthly
Meetings belonging to this Quarter with
Answers to Queries that are usually answered
Also a Summary presented Collected there
from which was read and accepted and is as
followeth

X This Meeting was informd that the friends
That were appointed to attend the yearly meeting
all attended Excepting Susannah Harkness
Received transcripts of the philadelphia and newyork
Epistles which have been read to our satisfaction
and Encouragement Hannah Holder and
Huldah Henery are apointed to prepare
Coppies and forward to Each Monthly meeting
Belonging to this Quarter Our Esteemd
Friend Richard Mowry laid before this
Meeting a Concern which had for some time
Attended his mind to make a religious
Visit to friends in Easton Quarterly meeting and
Some adjacent meetings also Presented a Certificate
Expressive of the unity and Concurence of
his friends from Uxbrige Monthly meeting
Which this meeting after weighty deliberation
Feelingly United with and a few lines by
Way of endorsment was handed from the mens
Meeting signed by the Clerk Received an
Epistle from our beloved friend Mary Mitchel
To gether with some ~~wity~~ weighty remarks
on the Qualifycations of our Elders which wee
think are worth of our deepest attention
This meeting Concludes we trust under a
sense tho notwithstanding much poverty
witness in the fore part of this sitting [illegible]
yet the master has been mercifull pleased

To afford a little towards the Conclusion it is
Concluded to meet at Leicester in the Eleventh
Month next if permitted
Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

Summary Mistake in recording

Ans 1st All our meetings have been attended
Excepting one occasioned by the inclemency of
The weather most of them by the greater part
of friends who can Reasonably attend a little
we have still to observe that there are some
who do not appear enough engaged in the
Performance of this important duty some
Care taken the hour is pretty well observed
By the greater part some appearence
of sleep for which labour hath been
Bestowed in some meeting and we believe
Clear of other unbecoming behaviour
in meetings
2nd Love and unity appears to be measureably
maintained and detraction guarded against
altho not by all wherein care hath been
Contended where differences have arisen some
Care hath bee taken to end them
12th There is a care next of friends minds to deal
Regularly with all offenders also to place
Jugment where it appears nessary
according to discipline

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends
Held at Northbridge for Smithfield the 11th of 5th mo 1809
The Representatives from the several monthly
Meetings Belonging to this Quarter are for
Smithfield Patience Wall Abigail Proud and
Alice Rathbun For Uxbridge Sarah Arnold
and Judith Southwich For Richmond Martha
Gilson Joanna Trichel and Ruth Basset For
Bolton Amey Fry and Lydia Fry The Representa
tives Being Called all preasant Except
Joanna Trichel a satisfactory ~~reason~~ Reason
was rendered for her absence this meeting
was informed the Reason that Elizabeth
Gilson Did not attend our last Quarterly
Meeting was she was gone from home on a
journey Receive accounts from all the monthly
Meetings hereto belonging with Answers to the
Queries also a sumary presented Collected there
From which being read is Excepted General
Answers with an Account to our yearly meeting
have been prepared in this meeting and directed
To be forwarded to the yearly Meeting by
our Representatives who are Cloe Southwich
Patience Wall Lydia Gates Elizabeth Smith &
Who are appointed to attend said meeting
an report to our next Quarterly Meeting

General Answers

Answer 1st All our meetings for Religious worship
and discipline have bee attended excepting a
few Instances occasioned by dificulty of traviling
and stormy weather though we have still sorrow
fully to observe a remisness in some in
regard to this important duty more
expresly in the attendance of Midweek meetings
some labour bestowed the hour is generally
Observed by those that attend Friend's are
mostly preserved from sleeping and no other
unbecoming Behaveour 2 Love and unity in a
good degree subsist to amongst us Detraction appears
to be measurably guarded against no difference
~~appears to~~ that have Come to the meetings
Knowledge 3 Most Friends labour to educate
those under there Direction in plainness
as Queried tho it is to be feared there is
not not a sufficient engagement of mind
in all our members to bring up those
under there Care in plainess speach and
Aparel generally carefull respecting pernicious
Books and the corrupt Conversation of the
world Friends mostly examplary themselfs
the Scriptures are read in our families

4 Friends are care full to keep in Moderation
Temporence on all those occasions

5th This Queary appears to be observed.

6th the greater part of friends are Carefull
respecting these several perticulars expressd
in this Queary though a remissness apears in
some and also in some of the unmarried in
regard to due attention to the requirings thare
of which hath occationed several instances
of disorderly company keeping amoungst us they
are under Notice

7th Clear as far as apears

8th geneally carefull in the severeal parts of this
Queary

9th Friends are carefull to observe this Queary

10th We do not no but clear

11th Mostly carefull in respect to recording care
taken Concerning Certificates

12th Most friends appear engaged for the regular
Dealings with offenders and to place Jugment
according to dicipline

This meeting Concludes and is to meet at
Bolton in the Eight month next if permited.

Elizabeth Smith Clerk

Signed by

At a Quarterly meeting of women friends
held at Bolton for Smithfield 5mo 16th 1809
the Clerk and assistant being both absent
Patience Earl is apointed Clerk and Hannah
Slater assistant for this time

The Representatives named in the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings are From Smithfield Hyrena Thompson Anna Thornton & Hannah Callum

From Uxbridge Mary Aldrich & Rachel Bassett

From Richmond Joanna Twichel Susanna Taft & Rachel Mowry

From Bolton Hannah Holder & Lydia Gates.

Who being called are all present excepting Joanna Twichel & Rachel Mowry who sent Satisfactory Reasons for their not attending

This Meeting was informed that the friends who were appointed to attend the yearly Meeting attended agreeable to appointment.

We have Recd accts from the from all the Monthly Meetings Composing this Quarter with Answers to the Queries usually Ansd which have been Read together with a Summary collected therefrom & presented by the Representatives which being approved is accepted & is as follows.

Ans 1st All Our Meetings for Worship & Discipline have been attended except Two occasioned by a Storm those on first Days & for Discipline We think by the greater part of friends tho' there is an apparent Slackness in some, which occasions our other midweek Meetings to be small some care taken, the hour generally observed mostly clear of Sleeping clear of other unbecoming behaviour as far as appears.

A.2 Love & unity in some good Degree maintained amongst us Detraction measureably guarded against some neglect of care Respecting Differences.

A.12 Care has been taken to Deal with offenders We trust measureably as Queried after, & to place Judgment according to Discipline.

Richmond monthly Meeting informs they with the Unity of the Men friends have appointed Susanna Harkness to the Station of an Elder which meets the the concurrence of this & the Mens Meeting & Lydia Gates is appointed to acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof. We have Received transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia & New York yearly Meetings which have been Read we trust to our Edification a Sufficient number of transcripts being presented they are directed to be forwarded to the Several Monthly Meetings.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Leicester in the Eleventh Month if permitted

Signed Patience Earl Clk. this time

At a Quarterly meeting of Women friends at Leicester 11th mo. 16th 1809

The Representatives named in the accounts from the different Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter are

For Smithfield Lavina Southwick & Rowena Smith.

For Uxbridge Isabel Mowry & Ruth Earl.

For Richmond Susanna Harkness Joanna Inchel & Rachel Mowry.

For Bolton Hannah Wheeler Amity Wheeler & Catharine Smith

Representatives called all present except Rachel Mowry.

Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this Meeting with Answers to the Three Queries generally Answered likewise a Summary collected therefrom which being

Read

Read & with some alterations is approved & is as follows

Ans.r 1st It appears that all our Meetings have been
attended yet there is a Slackness in most of our
meetings in regard to the attendance of our midweek
meetings not wholly clear of Sleeping in one meeting &
not altogether Clear of Unbecoming behaviours
Some care taken.—

2nd Love & unity appears to be pretty well maintained
Detraction not so much guarded against as would
be best Care is taken to end Differences.—

A. 12th Care has been taken to Deal with offenders
seasonably in the Spirit of meekness & Wisdom
without partiallity Judgment has been placed
agreable to Discipline.—

Richmond Sent up in their account Mary
Allen had appealled from the Judgment of that
Monthly Meeting held in the Seventh Month last
this Meeting after Deliberate consideration thereon
appoints Elizabeth Smith Bathsheba Aldrich
Mary Aldrich Lydia Gete, Lavina Southwick
& Sarah East a Committee to inspect into the
Conduct & proceedings of that Monthly Meeting in
regard to the sd. Mary And report their Judgment to
our next Quarterly Meeting.—

Received the Extracts from Our last yearly Meet-
-ing minutes which have been Read to Satisfaction
in this Meeting.

This Meeting concludes and is to meet at Smith-
-field in the 2nd mo. next if Permitted.—

Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held
at Smithfield 2nd mo. 8th 1810
The Representatives from the Several Monthly
meetings constituting this Quarter Are
From Smithfield Patience Arnold Abigail Pearce &
Sibbel Chase.
From Uxbridge Hannah Arnold & Huldah Mowry
From Richmond Phebe Allen & Mary Southwick
From Bolton Sarah Holder & Amity Wheeler.

Representatives called all present.
Phebe Allen & Mary Southwick sent Satisfactory
Reasons for their absence, Rachel Mowry for not attending our last
Quarterly Meeting sent a Satisfactory excuse.
Received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings
belonging to this Quarter with Answers to the Queries
that are generally answered a Summary presented therefrom
By the Representatives collected therefrom which being Read
is approved & is follows.
A 1st. All our meetings have been attended & We think mostly
by the greater part Altho' some meetings have
been Small most observe the hour We have not
observed much Sleeping or other unbecoming behaviour
A 2nd. We believe there is a Degree of Love & unity as
but not So fully as Desired Detraction in a Degree
guarded against no open Differences.
A 12th. There is a Degree of Care to Deal with
Offenders but not So Seasonably as would be best
at all times Judgment placed according to Discipline.
The Committee in Case of Mary Allen's appeal
from Richmond Monthly Meeting makes the
following Report.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women friends to be held 2nd mo. 1810 —

We your committee appointed to hear & determine upon the appeal of Mary Allen from the Judgment of Richmond Monthly Meeting against her have met & fully heard Her & the Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting to represent the Case in their behalf And it is our Judgment that the Judgment of Richmond monthly Meeting ought to be reversed which We Submitt to the Quarterly Meeting &c

Sarah Earl
Elizabeth Smith
Mary Aldrich
Lavina Southwick
Lydia Gates
Bathsheba Aldrich

This meeting after a deliberate consideration upon the Subject unites with the Judgment of the Committee & Restores her again to membership. the Clerk is Directed to forward a Coppy of this Minute to Richmond Monthly Meeting for there Information

This Meeting concludes & is to meet at Northbridge in the Fifth Month next if permitted

Signed by Elizabeth Smith Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo. 10 1810 —

The Representatives from the Several Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter Are

From Smithfield Hyrena Thompson & Alice Rathbun
From Uxbridge Dorcas Kelley Cloe Aldrich & Hannah Shove
From Richmond Suzanna Harkness & Phebe Allen

From Bolton Peace Watson Elizabeth Southwick & Hannah Holder. Representatives all present Except Hyrena Thompson Dorcas Shilley & Susanna Harkness Hyrena Thompson & Dorcas Shilley Sent Satisfactory Reasons for their absence.

The Clerk being absent Alice Rathburn is appointed Clerk & Hannah Holder assistant Clerk for the Day

Received accounts with Answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings compose this Quarter with a Sumary collected from said Answers which was collated by the Representatives, which being Read is approved & is as Follows.

1st: All our Meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline have been attended tho there is an apparent Slackness in coming up as the Truth requires in this important Duty Some care taken, The Hour generally observed We do not know of any among us who give way to Sleep in Meetings mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met on those Occations.

2nd: Love & unity are measureably maintained amongst us most Friends appear careful to guard against Detraction, mostly clear respecting Differen- Care taken.

3rd: The greatest part of Friends Labour to bring up those under their care in plainess, & to restrain them from Reading Pernicious Books, Corrupt conversation is measureably guarded against mostly careful to be Examplary Ourselves, The Scriptures are frequently Read in Our Families.

4th: Most Friends are careful respecting the several particulars expressed in this Query, & where it appears Otherwise Care is Taken.

5th Care is taken in regard to the poor, & such as appear likely to need assistance, None placed out from among Friends.c

6th Most Friends are Careful that all proceedings with respect to Marriage be conformable to Discipline, yet through inattention several of our youth have married out of Society. Care taken.

7th Clear as far as appears.c

8th Friends are mostly careful to Live Answerable to the Requirings of this Query.c

9th Some remissness in regard to Records careful respecting Removals & Certificates

10th A concern remains with Friends regularly to Deal with all offenders & to place Judgment according to Discipline.c

Have prepared an account which is to be forwarded with general Answers to our next Yearly Meeting by our Representatives Sarah Holder Deborah Mowry Elizabeth Bowen & Hannah Callum. — Who we appoint to attend said Meeting & to report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting is informed that the Clerk has agreeable to the Direction of last Quarterly Meeting furnished Richmond Monthly Meeting with a Copy of a minute made in case of Mary Allen.c

Our Men Friends informed that they united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Zachary Southwick to the Station of an Elder which meets the approbation of this Meeting.

Received & read in this Meeting an Epistle from the yearly Meeting of Friends held in London 5th mo: 1809 Containing many pertinent & weighty remarks which deserves our serious attention & consideration.

This Meeting concludes & proposes to meet at Bolton in the 8th mo: next if permitted

Signed by Alice Rathbun Clerk for the Day

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8 Mo 9th 1810

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter are;

~~From Richmond Joanna Twitchel~~

From Smithfield Deborah Mowry Lavinia Southwick & Hannah Callum

From Uxbridge Mary Aldrich Bathsheba Aldrich & Anna Baſsett

From Richmond Joanna Twitchel & Mary Southwick

From Bolton Hannah Holder & Elizabeth Southwick

all present except Lavinia Southwick Hannah Callum & Bathsheba Aldrich who sent satisfactory Reasons for their absense

Our friends Elisabeth Smith & Alice Rathbun, whose services, as Clerk & Assistant Clerk to this Meeting, have been very satisfactory to us, decline a reappointment, Patience Earle is appointed Clerk & Hannah Holder Aſsistant Clerk for one Year.

Susanna Harkness informed that she was prevented attending our last Quarterly Meeting by Bodily Indisposition

The Friends who were appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting inform that they attended agreeable to appointment

We have received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter with Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th Queries which have been read in this Meeting together with a Summary collected therefrom and presented by the Representatives which being approved is accepted and is as follows;

All our Meetings have been kept up and generally attended by a considerable part of our members the Hour generally observed by those who attend mostly clear of Sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour when met.

Love & Unity are measurably maintained amongst us though not so fully by all as would become our profession detraction somewhat guarded against Care taken to end differences.

Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust measurably as queried after and to place Judgment agreeably to Discipline.

We have received transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meetings of Friends in London, Philadelphia & New York which have been read we believe to the encouraging and enlivening of many minds amongst us and Copies being presented are directed to be sent to the several Monthly Meetings here unto belonging.

This Meeting concludes we trust under a renewed sense of Divine favor and proposes to meet at Leicester in the Eleventh Month next if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting
by Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Leicester the 8th Day of 11th Mo. 1810

The Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter are from Smithfield Abigail Reed and Rowena Smith; from Uxbridge Hannah Arnold and Sarah Aldrich; Richmond; Nancy Southwick & Phebe Sabins; from Bolton Lydia Fry & Lydia Gates who being called are all present.

Was here in this Meeting a few Lines from Nantucket Monthly Meeting bearing date 9th Mo 7th 1810 in behalf of our beloved friend Mary Barker certifying that she was a Minister in good esteem, and expressive of their Unity and near Sympathy with her, whose Company and Gospel Labours have been truly acceptable to us at this time; as hath also been the Company of her Companion Elizabeth Mitchell

Our beloved friend Sarah Wilbur also attended this Meeting with a Copy of a Minute from South Kingston Monthly Meeting dated 8th Mo 2nd 1810 Certifying that she was a Minister in good esteem whose Company hath been acceptable and satisfactory to us, as hath been the Company of her Companion Lydia Kenyon who also produced a Copy of a Minute from the same monthly Meeting expressive of their Unity with her

We have received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter together with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th Queries which have been read in this Meeting and some very pertinent remarks made thereon,

A few Lines expressive of our satisfaction in the Company of our dear friend Mary Barker whilst amongst us has been endorsed on her Certificate and signed by the Clerks of the Mens & Womens Meetings

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting
by Patience Earle Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield 2 Mo 14th 1811

The Representatives from the Several Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter are from
Smithfield Elizabeth Smith & Alice Rathbun
Uxbridge Phebe Southwick & Bathsheba Aldrich
Richmond
Bolton Peace Watson & Lydia Gates
No account from Richmond Monthly Meeting

The representatives from the other Monthly Meetings called are all present; We have received accounts from the Monthly Meetings in this Quarter except Richmond and answers to the 1st 2d & 10th Queries which have been read in this Meeting

A few lines have been prepared, which have been read and approved in this and the mens Meeting directed to Southkingston Monthly Meeting on behalf of our friend Sarah Wilbur who attended our last Meeting.

This Meeting with the unity of our Mens Friends, unites with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in approving of the public appearance in the Ministry of Hepzina Thompson; Elizabeth Smith is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again at Northbridge in the 5 Mo next if permitted

Signed by Hannah [illegible] Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Northbridge 5th Mo 9th 1811

The Representatives named in the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings Composing this Quarter are from Smithfield Hannah Smith Surviah Steere and Elizabeth Smith
Uxbridge Hannah Eddy Rachel Aldrich and Bathsheba Aldrich
Richmond Phebe Allen & Melly Randall
Bellon Lydia Fry & Hannah Wheeler
who being called are all present

Elizabeth Smith reports that she has informed the Select Meeting that this Meeting has approved of the public appearance in the Ministry of Hyrena Thompson.

We have received an account from the Monthly Meeting at Richmond directed to our last Quarterly Meeting wherein Susanna Harkness and Abigail Southwick are named as Representatives and Susanna Harkness gave a satisfactory reason for not attending

We have received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter together with answers to the Queries which have been read & general Answers collected therefrom and some account made out and directed to be sent to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our friends Hyrena Thompson Hannah Arnold Patience Earle & Hannah Holder who are appointed to attend said Meeting and report to next Quarter.

There hath also been a Summary collected from the Answers which is as follows;

All our Meetings have been attended except one and mostly by the greater part of ~~our~~ Members except a few in times of difficult travelling not so fully attended the Hour in general observed not altogether clear of

Keeping mostly cleare of other unbecoming Behaviour when met

2d Love & unity in a good Degree maintained by the great er part of Friends Detraction measurably guarded against mostly clear of differences and endeavours used to end them when they appear.

3d Some care taken in regard tho' not so much as becomes our Profession; Some are carefull to restrain their Children from reading pernicious Books, from the Corrupt Conversation of the World; friends are generally examplary themselves the Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in our Families

4 Friends are mostly careful to observe the requirings of this Query

5 Care is taken respecting the poor; none placed out from among friends

6 Parents & heads of Families mostly careful ~~to observe the requirings of the Query~~ in these respects; some of the young and unmarried too regardless of respecting the requirings of this Query.

7 We know not but our Testimony has been maintained agreeably to the requirings of this Query.

8 Friends are carefull in these respects.

9 Mostly clear as to records, care is taken respecting Certificates

10 A care remains with Friends for the regular dealing with offenders, & that Judgment should be placed when and where it appears necessary agreeably to Discipline.

The Men Friends informed that they have united with Bolton Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan [illegible] to the Station of an Elder with which this Meeting concurs

Our beloved friend Lydia Wickes from E Greenwich Monthly Meeting attended this Meeting whose Gospel Labours and Christian Counsel hath been truly Enlivening & refreshing to many of our minds

Our beloved Friend Freelove Harris from the same Monthly Meeting also attended this Meeting whose company hath been very acceptable and comfortable to us.

We received the general Printed Epistle from the London yearly meeting of friends held in the fifth month 1810 which was read to our edification & encouragement.

This Meeting concludes under a weighty sense of the renewal of Divine Regard and proposes to meet at Bolton in the 8th Mo

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Bolton 8 Mo 8th 1811

The Representatives named in the accounts from the several monthly meetings constituting this Quarter are from Smithfield Hannah Smith Nancy Batty and Elizabeth Smith
Uxbridge Eliza Bowen Sarah Earle & Rachel Baſsett
Richmond Ruth Baſsett & Lydia Caſs.
Bolton Hannah Wheeler & Hannah Pope who being called are all present except Lydia Caſs who sent a satisfactory reason for not attending. we are informed that the representatives appointed to the yearly Meeting all attended.

We have received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th Queries which have been read in this Meeting

We have received transcripts of an Epistle from the yearly Meeting of friends held at Philadelphia in the fourth Month and one from New york in the fifth Month of this Year containing much precious advice & council which have been satisfactorily read amongst us, also extracts from the Minutes of our yearly Meeting held at Rhode Island in 7 Mo last expreſsive of a Concern which hath spread over that Meeting that friends become more careful in regard to reading the Scriptures in their families also a tender caution against the Habit of visiting on the first Day of the Week arising from an apprehension that loſs is thereby frequently sustained ~~together~~ with other weighty & pertinent remarks.

Hannah Hoar & Hannah Pope are appointed to transcribe the aforesaid Epistles & extracts and forward them to the several Monthly Meetings

This Meeting concludes we trust in a good degree sensible of the many favors conferred on us and adjourns to meet at Leicester in the 11th Month if permitted.
Signed in and on behalf of the abovesaid Meeting by

Patience Earle Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Leicester for Smithfield, 11 Mo 14th 1811

The representatives named in the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings are for Smithfield Nancy Batty & Laurnia Southwick Uxbridge Rachael Farnum and Dorcas Kelly & Sarah Aldrich; Richmond, Susanna Harkness and Hannah Dexter; Bolton, Catharine Smith & Lydia Fry who being called, are all present excepting Dorcas Kelly & Susannah Harkness; Dorcas Kelly sent a satisfactory reason for her absence. Patience Earle & Hannah Holder are reappointed Clerk and assistant Clerk to this Meeting for this year.

Our beloved friends Jane and David Gove attended this Meeting with a Copy of a Minute from Ware Monthly Meeting Dated 10 Mo 17th 1811 ~~expressive of their unity with Jane as a Minister~~ she being an Elder & he a Minister in good esteem whose Company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerks are directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute.

Also Rachel Brackenberry from the same Monthly Meeting whose Company hath been very ~~agreeable~~ agreeable to us ~~and the Clerk is directed to sign a Copy of a Minute to be extracted.~~

We have received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter together with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th Queries which have been read in this Meeting.

This Meeting Concludes & adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the 2d Month if Permitted

Signed in and on behalf of our abovesaid Meeting by
Patience Earle Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 12 mo 23d 1812

The Representatives named in the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter are from Smithfield Hannah Smith & Lyvena Thompson from Uxbridge Rachel Pitts & Lydia Shove; from Richmond Mary Southwick & Phebe Allen from Bolton Lydia Gates and Hannah Pope who being called are all present excepting Hannah Smith Mary Southwick and Phebe Allen.

Hannah Smith and Phebe Allen sent satisfactory reasons for their absence.

Our beloved friend Betsy Purington from Salem Monthly Meeting attended this Meeting whose Company and Gospel Labour have been truly acceptable and edifying to us; and we are informed that through an omission a Copy of a Minute in her favor furnished by said Meeting signifying their unity with her as a Minister and in the prospect of her present visit hath been left in a Trunk upon the Way.

We have received accounts with Answers to the 1st 2d and 4th Queries from the several Monthly Meetings which have been read in this Meeting.

This Meeting concludes under a sense of the renewed extension of divine regard and adjourns to meet again at Northbridge in 3 mo next if permitted.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting
by Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Stillwater 6mo 14th 1812.

The Representatives named in the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter, are from
Smithfield Ann Cline & Hannah Collins
from Stillwater Sarah Shove & Rachel [illegible]
— [illegible] Ruth [illegible] & Hannah [illegible]
— [illegible] Hannah [illegible] & Katherine Smith.
who being called are all present

We have received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter with answers to the Queries, which have been read and general Answers prepared and directed to be forwarded together with some account to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends Elizabeth Smith, Rachel [illegible] Lydia [illegible] and Sarah Shove who are appointed to attend said Meeting and report to our next Quarter.

A Summary has also been collected from the Answers and is as follows

It appears from the Answers that our Meetings have been pretty well attended by the greater part of our Members excepting when prevented by difficult Travelling altho' there is a manifest deficiency in some; the Hour is observed and Friends are pretty clear from Sleeping and other unbecoming Behaviour when met; that Love & unity is in a good degree maintained, tho' we fear not so fully as wholly to eradicate the spirit of detraction, and where differences have arisen care has been extended.

It appears that Friends are mostly careful to discharge their duty both by precept & example towards their Children with regard to plainness reading pernicious Books & corrupt conversation — though some are not so vigilant as would be advantageous both to their rising offspring and Society in general; the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their Families

No complaint of the unnecessary use
of

of Spirituous Liquors or frequenting
places of publick resort and moderation
appears to be observed. the Poor are provided
for and no Children placed from among friends
mostly careful that [illegible] with Respect
to their [illegible] are conformable to Discipline

Our Testimony is maintained against the
[illegible] in the [illegible]
Friends are careful to settle their
accounts, observe their promises and to
live within the Bounds of their Circumstances
are also to have their Marriages Births
Deaths & Burials recorded and to take the
necessary care with regard to Certificates

It appears that offenders are dealt with
seasonably as queries [illegible] and that Judg-
ment hath been placed where it appeared
necessary.

This Meeting concludes on its adjournment
to meet at Bolton in the 8th mo. if
permitted
Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting
by Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting
of Women Friends held at Bolton 8 mo
13th 1812

The representatives named in the
several accounts are from Smithfield
Elizabeth Sissons Hannah Callum & Abigail
Sherman, Uxbridge Anna Wheeler, Ruth
Earle & Phebe Southwick. Richmond,
Joanna Twichel & Lydia Twichel. Bolton
Sarah Holder & Mary Southwick.
who being called are all present excepting
Joanna Twichel & Lydia Twichel the
latter of whom sent a satisfactory
reason for her absence.

The friends who were appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to attend the Yearly Meeting inform that they attended agreeably to appointment. We have received accounts from all our monthly Meetings together with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th Query's which have been read in this Meeting.

Our beloved friends Daniel Howland & Sylvester Wickes from Greenwich Monthly Meeting also our beloved friend Micajah Collins from Salem Monthly Meeting attended this meeting with copies of minutes from their respective monthly meetings and a few lines endorsed on the back of each of them expressing that their company & services had been truly acceptable to us was handed from the mens meeting being previously signed by their Clerk, and we feelingly uniting therewith they have also been signed by the Clerk of this Meeting

Our esteemed Friend Richd. Mowry came into this Meeting and expressed a concern which had some time attended his mind to make a religious visit to friends in the compass of East Town & Farmington monthly meetings and some meetings adjacent within the limits of New Yorks yearly meetings & produced a Certificate from Uxbridge monthly meeting and a few lines, endorsed on the back of it expressive of our unity with him was signed by the Clerks of this and the mens meetings

This meeting concludes and adjourns to meet again at Leicester in the 11th mo. if permitted

Signed in and on behalf of of our above said meeting by

Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Leicester 11 mo 12th 1812

The representatives ~~named~~ in the accounts from the several monthly meetings are from

Smithfield Lavinia Southwick & Abigail Read
Uxbridge, Sarah Congdon, Rachel Farnum & Hannah Arnold
Richmond Thankful Cook & Lydia Allen.
Bolton, Lydia Gates, Eliza Babcock & Lydia Fry.
who being called are all present.

The Year having expired for which Patience Earle was appointed Clerk she is reappointed for this time

We have received accounts from the several monthly meetings together with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th queries which have been read in this meeting.

Bolton monthly meeting inform that they have appointed Hannah Holder to the station of an elder, and this meeting after a solid consideration ~~feeling ly unite with~~ of the subject and having the approbation of the mens meeting feelingly unites therewith & Elizabeth Smith is appointed, to inform the select quarterly meeting

The men friends inform that they have united with Richmond monthly meeting in the appointment of Esek Cook to the station of an Elder also ~~that~~ they have united with Bolton monthly meeting in the appointment of David Smith to the same station which meets the concurrence of this meeting

Joanna Twichel sent a satisfactory reason for not attending our last quarterly meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from the several yearly meetings of London, Philadelphia & New York also extracts from the minutes of our own yearly meeting containing much ~~satisfactory~~ salutary and seasonable advice have been read we trust to our mutual satisfaction and encouragement and transcripts of them are directed to be sent to the several monthly meetings

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Smithfield in the 2d mo. next if permitted
Signed in & on behalf of our abovesaid meeting by
Patience Earle Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield 2d mo 11th 1813

The friends appointed as representatives from the several monthly meetings constituting this quarter are for Smithfield Alice Rathbun Hannah Arnold & Hannah Callum, Uxbridge Rachel Farnum Judith Aldrich & Mary Aldrich Richmond, Ruth Bassett & Phebe Sabin, Bolton Hannah Holder & Hannah Wheeler, all present excepting Ruth Bassett & Phebe Sabin who sent satisfactory reasons for their absence

Patience Earle is reappointed Clerk & Hannah Holder assistant Clerk for one year: Elizabeth Smith acquaints this Meeting that the select meeting hath been informed of the appointment of Hannah Holder to the Station of an Elder We have received accounts from the several monthly meetings together with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th Queries which have been read in this meeting

This meeting concludes under a renewed sense of divine favor intending to meet again at Northbridge in 5th mo next if permitted

Signed in and on behalf of our aforesaid meeting by

Patience Earle Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Northbridge for Smithfield 5 mo 13 1813

The friends appointed as representatives from the several monthly meetings constituting this Quarter are from Smithfield Elizabeth Smith Alice Rathbun & Abigail Reed
Uxbridge, Anna Bassett Hannah Arnold & Ruth Earle
Richmond, Susanna Harkness & Phebe Allen
Bolton Lydia Fry & Lydia Gates who being called are all present excepting Phebe Allen who sent a satisfactory reason for not attending.

We have received accounts from all our monthly meetings with answers to the Queries which have been read and general answers agreed on and directed to be sent, with sofre account to the ensuing Yearly meeting by our friends Alice Rathbun Hannah Arnold Hannah Holder & Deborah Mowry who are appointed to attend said meeting and report to our next quarterly meeting also a Summary collected from the Answers hath been read which is as follows;

It appears that meetings have been attended excepting a few occasioned by stormy weather and difficult travelling by the greater part excepting midweek meetings not so fully attended; that a good degree of Love & Unity, subsists amongst us and detraction is guarded against by most friends and that there are no differences; That although there is an apparent de deviation in some most are careful to discharge their duty to those under their direction with regard to plainness and reading pernicious Books endeavoring to be exemplary themselves.

The holy Scriptures are read in friends Families, most Friends are careful to avoid ~~to avoid~~ the unnecessary use of spiritous Liquors and attending places of publick resort moderation is pretty well observed; the poor have been relieved, and none placed out from among friends.

Most friends are careful that all proceedings with regards to marriage be conformable to discipline, the unmarried are not all so careful as would be best; our testimony is maintained as respects the requirings of the seventh and eighth queries, and care is taken in regard to Records & Certificates: A care remains to deal with offenders we trust measurably as is Queried for and judgement placed when necessary.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Bolton in the 8th mo. next if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting
by Patience Earle Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton for Smithfield 8 mo 12th 1813

The representatives appointed by the several monthly meetings constituting this quarter, are, from Smithfield Hannah Smith and Lavinia Southwick; Uxbridge Bathsheba Aldrich Sarah Congdon and Phebe Southwick; Richmond, Mary Southwick and Thankful Cook; Bolton; Hannah Wheeler and Hannah Pike; who being called are all present except Sarah Congdon who has sent a satisfactory reason for her absence.

We have received accounts with answers to the queries from all our monthly meetings which (except the answers from Richmond, which by accident are not present) have been read in this meeting.

This meeting is informed that the representatives to our yearly meeting all attended except Deborah Mowry who was prevented by indisposition.

Richmond Monthly Meeting inform that they have appointed, with the concurrence of the mens meeting, appointed Joanna Twitchell to the Station of an Elder, which after being considered is united with in this meeting; we have also the concurrence of the Men's meeting herein

The London printed epistle containing much weighty counsel has been read in this meeting, also extracts from our yearly Meeting Minutes to our instruction and edification

This meeting concludes, intending to meet at Leicester in the 11th Mo next if permitted.

Signed by
Hannah Holder assistant Clerk

At Smithfield quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield 2 mo 11th 1814 —

The representatives in the accounts from the monthly meetings are for
Smithfield, Lydia Almy & Abigail Jencks
Uxbridge Hannah Eddy & Rachel Daggett
Richmond Lucy Daniels & Lucy Twitchel
Bolton, Lydia Fry & Lydia Estes — who being called are all present except Lucy Twitchel

We have received accounts from all the monthly meetings constituting this quarter with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th queries which have been read in this meeting

We are informed in the account from Smithfield monthly meeting that they have approved of the publick appearance in the ministry of [illegible] Rathbun which being weightily considered this meeting is feeling of unity with having the unity of of the mens meeting therein; Rachel Daggett is appointed to inform the quarterly select meeting thereof and report to our next quarterly meeting

This meeting is informed that the year is expired for which Patience Earle was appointed Clerk & Hannah Holder, assistant clerk, Lydia Estes & Elizabeth Smith are appointed to consider the subject of a new appointment and propose clerk and assistant to our next quarterly meeting

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Northbridge in the 5th month next if permitted

Signed by Hannah Holder asst. Clk

At Smithfield quarterly meeting of Women Friends
held at Northbridge 5th mo. 12th 1814

The Representatives named in the accounts are for
Smithfield Hannah Collum, Wait Davenport & Abigail
Reed
Uxbridge, Edith Southwick, Phebe Southwick and
Sarah Shove
Richmond, Susanna Harkness & Molly Randal
Bolton Mary Fry and Hannah Holder, who being
called on all present except three, two of whom
sent satisfactory reasons for their absense.

The committee appointed to propose a Clerk
to this meeting not being ready to propose one
Alice Rathbun is appointed Clerk and Hannah
Holder assistant clerk for the day.

Lucy Twichel sent a satisfactory reason to this
meeting for her not attending our last quarterly
meeting.

We have received accounts & answers from
all the monthly meetings constituting this quarter
which, with the queries have been read in this meeting
with a summary present collected therefrom which
being approved is as followeth* one is to be forwarded
to our yearly meeting by our Representatives Wait
Bartlett, Mary Aldrich, Phebe Southwick and
Hannah Wheeler, whom we appoint to attend
said meeting and report to our next quarterly
meeting.

The Friend that was appointed to inform
the select meeting that the quarterly meeting had
united with Smithfield monthly meeting in approving
the publick appearances of Alice Rathbun reports that the select meeting has been
informed thereof.

This meeting concludes under a renewed
sense of divine regard & proposes to meet
at Bolton in the 8th mo. next if permitted
Signed on behalf of our said meeting

Alice Rathbun Clerk for the day

Summary belonging to the foregoing

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended by the greater part of our members although we have to acknowledge there are some too negligent in this important duty; mostly careful to observe the hour generally preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour in meetings; Love and unity measurably maintained amongst us, detraction mostly guarded against Care taken to end differences Friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness though there are apparent deviations from it, mostly careful respecting pernicious Books & the corrupt conversation of the world, generally exemplary themselves We believe the scriptures are frequently read in families.

Friends are generally careful to observe the fourth query

The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved; none placed out from amongst friends. Parents and heads of families are mostly careful that proceedings with regard to ~~[illegible]~~ marriage be conformable to discipline, some of the young and unmarried not so careful as would be best We believe there is no cause of complaint with regard to the seventh eighth & ninth queries. There is a care with friends to deal with offenders we trust measurably as is queried for And to place judgment when it appears necessary

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At Smithfield quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Bolton 8th Mo 11th 1814

The representatives named in the accounts from the several monthly meetings constituting this quarter are from Smithfield Lavinia Southwick Hannah Smith & Silence Bolton
Uxbridge Rachel Earle & Mary Aldrich
Richmond Lydia Allen Mary Southwick &
Hannah Shearman

Bolton Hannah Wilson & Lydia Fry who being called are all present.

The friends who were appointed to propose a clerk and assistant, have named Patience Earle for clerk & Hannah Fisher assistant, they are accordingly appointed for one year.

The friends who were appointed to attend the yearly meeting report that they attended agreeably to appointment.

We have received accounts from all the monthly meetings composing this quarter together with answers to the 1st 2d & 11th queries which have been read in this meeting.

Transcripts of epistles from London yearly meeting held in the 5th mo. 1813 and from Philadelphia & New York yearly meetings of the present year containing much weighty and instructive matter have been read we trust to our mutual edification.

We have also received extracts from the minutes of the yearly meeting held at Newport in 6th mo. last expressive of a sense, that there are a considerable number who are endeavouring faithfully to discharge the trust committed to them and encouraging those to hold on their way also persuading those who have heretofore appeared reluctant or lukewarm in the performance of their duty, particularly in the attendance of meetings in the middle of the week, to make greater efforts than they have yet made to leave the hindering things of this life and join in the spiritual worship required of every rational creature; together with several other pertinent & seasonable remarks, which have been read &c. Amey Bassett Mary Fry, Sarah Shove & Anna Fry are appointed to transcribe epistles & extracts & forward them to the several monthly meetings. This meeting concludes under a sense of divine favour & proposes to meet again in Leicester in the 11th mo next if permitted.

[illegible] Patience Earle

At Smithfield quarterly meeting of Women friends holden at Leicester 11th mo 16th 1814.

The representatives named in the accounts from the several monthly meetings are for
Smithfield Waity Bartlett Lydia Almy & Ruth Clements
Uxbridge Waity Harick, Elizabeth Earle & Anna Bassett
Richmond Thankful Cook & Lucy Tucker
Bolton Amey Fry & Lydia Gates who being called are all present.

We have received accounts from all our monthly meetings with answers [illegible] [illegible] which have been [illegible] tion in little time to the subject of reading the holy scriptures which hath been pretty generally spoken [illegible] [illegible] recommended.

It is [illegible] recommend to the several monthly meetings a continuance [illegible] founded upon advice from the yearly meeting [illegible] that when the third query is read [illegible] [illegible] into the practice [illegible] each one examine individually themselves that they may thereby be enabled to render a more correct and it be a means of strengthening us in so useful a practice.

This meeting concludes [illegible] at Smithfield in the seventh [illegible] [illegible] month.

[illegible] above said meeting. Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of
Women Friends held at Smithfield [illegible]

The representatives named in the ac-
counts from the several monthly meetings
are, For Smithfield, Patience Ann [illegible]
Southwick and Ruth Clements. Uxbridge
Susan Shove and Rachel Bassett, Northbridge
Molly Randall & Ruth Bassett, Bolton.
Abby Fry and Lydia Gates, who being call-
ed were all present except Molly Randall

We have received accounts from all our
monthly meetings with answers to the first
[illegible] which [illegible]

Our esteemed friend, Mary Varney att-
ended this meeting with a certificate from [illegible]
[illegible]
a minister in unity, also her companion [illegible]
[illegible] the same
[illegible]
ceptable to us. The mens meeting inform
that they have united with Uxbridge monthly
[illegible]
in from Uxbridge to Leicester [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

This meeting concludes intending to
meet again at Northbridge in the 5th mo.
next [illegible]
Signed in and on behalf of
said meeting [illegible] Clerk

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge for Smithfield Qr 5 mo 11th 1813

The representatives named in the accounts from the monthly meetings are from Smithfield Ruth Davenport, Hannah Southwick, Abigail Read and Ann Walden, Uxbridge Rachel Bab. & Bathsheba Aldrich & Ruth Earle: Richmond, Hannah Sherman & Susannah Harkness: Bolton Elizabeth Powers, Amity Wheeler & Hannah Fisher— who being called are all present.

We have received accounts from all our monthly meetings with answers to the queries which have been read in this meeting ~~and~~ from which we have collected general answers, and forward the same with an account to the yearly meeting by our representatives Lydia Gates, Mary B. Allen Rachel Earle & Elizabeth Smith who are requested to report their attendance to our next quarterly meeting

This meeting unites with Uxbridge monthly meeting in the appointment of Amos Aldrich to the station of an Elder.

Molly Randal has sent a satisfactory reason for her not attending our last quarterly meeting agreeably to appointment.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Bolton in the 8th mo. next if permitted

Signed
Hannah Holder Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of friends held at Bolton 8th mo 19th 1815

We have received accounts from all our monthly meetings wherein the following friends are named as representatives to this meeting viz.
from Smithfield; Abigail Pierce, Sarah Aldrich & Amey Walden
from Uxbridge; Wait Aldrich, Hannah Eddy & Sarah Wall
from Richmond; Joanna Twitchell, Anna Baſsett & Lydia Allen.
from Bolton; Matilda Earle, Mary Holder & Rachel Fry
who being called are all present except Amy Walden who sent a satisfactory reason for her absence.

We are informed that the friends who were appointed to attend the yearly meeting attended it agreeably to appointment.

The queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from each monthly meeting and some seasonable and pertinent remarks made thereon particularly expreſsion of a concern which seemed to spread over this meeting that friends in each meeting might be more engaged to use their endeavours that Love and Unity might increase and differences be settled amongst us.

Uxbridge monthly meeting informs that they have appointed Hannah Arnold to the station of an Elder with which this meeting unites having the concurrence of the mens meeting therein, and Rachel Baſsett is appointed to inform the select quarterly meeting of said appointment.

We have received transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia & New York yearly meetings, and extracts from the minutes of the yearly meeting at Rhode Island which have been read to satisfaction and the Clerk is directed to forward them to each monthly meeting

This meeting concludes under a renewed sense of the extension of divine favour, intending to meet again at Leicester in the 11th mo. if permitted

Signed in and on behalf of our above said meeting by
Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Leicester, 11th mo 19th 1815

The representatives named in the accounts from the several monthly meetings are, from Smithfield Elizabeth Allen & Ruth Clements; Uxbridge, Hannah Arnold, Hannah Eddy & Elizabeth Bowers; Richmond Freelove Lovett & Hannah Shearman; Bolton, Matilda Earle, Mary Holder & Elizabeth Badcock who being called are all present excepting Ruth Clements & Freelove Lovett.

The queries having been read together with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th received from each monthly meeting constituting this quarter.

Rachel Bassett reports that she informed the select quarterly meeting of the appointment of Hannah Arnold to the station of an Elder.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Smithfield in the 2d month next if permitted.

Signed on behalf of abovesaid meeting
By Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Leicester Smithfield 2nd month 8th 1816.

The representatives, named in the accounts from the several monthly meetings, are, for Smithfield, Ruth Clemons, Patience Arnold and Mercy Smith.
Uxbridge, Hannah Arnold, Sarah Shove & Amy Bassett
Richmond, Hannah Sherman and Rhoda Buffum.
Bolton, Ruth Holder, Elisabeth Badcock & Ruth Fry,
who, being called, are all present excepting Rhoda Buffum and Ruth Holder. Ruth Holder sent a satisfactory reason for her absence.

Patience Earle is appointed clerk, and Hannah Holder assistant clerk for this time.

We have received accounts from each Monthly meeting together with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 16th Queries which have been read in this meeting.

Our beloved friends Mary B. Allen and Alice Rathbun have each of them spread before this meeting a concern which hath for sometime been increasing upon their minds, to make a religious visit to some parts of New York and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, they having the unity and concurrence of Smithfield monthly meeting therein and also certificates from said monthly meeting, which hath claimed our solid attention, and a feeling sympathy and unity with them therein hath been expressed and a few lines expressive thereof directed to be endorsed upon the Monthly Meeting's certificates and signed by the clerks of the men's and women's meetings.

This meeting concludes under a renewed sense of divine favor, intending to meet again at Northbridge in the 5th month next if permitted.

Patience Earle Clk.

At Smithfield quarterly meeting of friends held at Northbridge 5mo 9th 1816 —

The representatives named in the accounts from the several monthly meetings are from

Smithfield. Maria Buffum Lavinia Southwick & Mary Batty

Uxbridge Hannah Arnold, Rachel Basset & Huldah Arnold —

Richmond, Molly Randall & Esther Eddy

Bolton. Amy Fry & Hannah Holder.

who being called are all present excepting Huldah Arnold Hannah Arnold & Esther Eddy the two former of which sent a satisfactory reason for their absense.

Patience Earle is appointed Clerk and Hannah Holder assistant Clerk for one year.

The accounts from the several monthly meetings together with answers to the queries have been read and general Answers collected there from and directed to be forwarded, with some account from this meeting to the next yearly meeting by our friends Patience Earle, Hannah Holder, Laura Capron & Waity Davenport who are appointed to attend said meeting and report to the next quarterly meeting.

A summary hath also been collected from the answers and is as follows.

It appears that all our meetings have been attended, the hour observed and mostly clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Love and unity are generally maintained, detraction guarded against, and care taken with regard to differences. Friends generally careful in the education of their children endeavouring to be examplary themselves, and the Scriptures are frequently read in families

There appears to be very little cause of complaint with regard to the 4th 5, 6, 7 & 8th Queries

Care is taken respecting records and certificates also to deal with offenders, and place judgments when necessary.

The Mens meeting inform that they have united with Uxbridge monthly meeting in the appointment of Silas [illegible] to the station of an Elder which this Meeting concurs with.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed Abigail Read to the place of an Elder which meets the concurrence of this Meeting having the unity of the Mens Meeting and our Friend Elisabeth Smith is appointed to acquaint the Select Meeting therewith.

This Meeting concludes under a sense of Divine favor renewedly extended at this time, intending to meet again at Bolton in the 8th Month if permitted

Signed on behalf of our abovesaid Meeting by

Patience Earle Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 8th 1816

The Representatives named in the accounts from the several meetings constituting this Quarter are from Smithfield Abigail Reed, Mary Batty, Mary Kelly and Mercy Smith. Uxbridge Sarah Aldrich, Dina Sprague and Rachel Bassett. Richmond Thankful Cook and Hannah Sherman. Bolton Mary Southwick and Mary Holder who being called are all present except Thankful Cook.

Accounts together with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th Queries from each of our Monthly Meetings, have been read in this meeting. The friends who were appointed as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting, inform that they attended it agreeably to their appointment. Elizabeth Smith informs that she acquainted the Select Meeting with the appointment of Abigail Reed to the station of an Elder. This meeting concludes under a renewed sense of divine regard mercifully vouchsafed to us at this time, and concludes to meet again at Leicester in the 11th mo. next if permitted.

Signed in and on behalf of our above said meeting by

Patience Earle Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Leicester 11th Mo. 14th 1816.

The representatives named in the accounts received from the several monthly meetings constituting this Quarter, are, from Smithfield, Maria Buffum, Hannah Smith, and Mary Batty. Uxbridge Rachel Farnum, Sarah Aldrich and Rhoda Aldrich. Richmond, Sarah Bassett, and Phebe Allen. Bolton Hannah Holder, Mary Southwick and Lydia Gates, who being called are all present.

Answers to the 1st 2d and 10th Queries from each monthly meeting have been read in this meeting.

A transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly meeting of Friends held in London in 6th mo 1815 was acceptably read amongst us, and extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, containing much weighty and important matter, hath also been read we trust to our mutual edification; and transcripts are directed to be forwarded to the monthly meetings.

Our beloved friend Mary Batty spread a concern before this meeting which hath for some time rested on her mind, to make a religious visit to some parts of New York Yearly Meeting, and also presented a Certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity with her therein; which hath claimed our solid attention, and much sympathy with her hath been expressed; but upon viewing the subject it is concluded to refer it to our next Quarterly Meeting for further consideration.

This meeting concludes under a sense of divine favor intending to meet again at Smithfield in the 2d month next if permitted.

Patience Earle Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield 2d month 13th 1817

The representatives named in the accounts received from the several monthly meetings are from Smithfield, Phebe Robinson Amey Walden and Lettice Allen, from Uxbridge Rachel Bassett, Rhoda Aldrich and Mary Aldrich, from Richmond Hannah Shearman and Molly Randall, from Bolton Elizabeth Powers and Mary E. Fry, being called they are all present excepting Molly Randall,

Answers to the 1st 2d and 10th Queries from each Monthly Meeting have been read in this Meeting. Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Friends in Philadelphia and New York have been read in this meeting to our edification.

Our beloved friends Mary B. Allen and Alice Rathbun returned the Certificates that were endorsed by this meeting as expressed in the minutes of 2 mo 1816 with several copies of minutes from the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings that they attended, expressing a satisfaction in their company and services, and they inform that they performed their visit to their mutual satisfaction.

The concern that our beloved friend Mary Rathbun spread before ~~the~~ our last Quarterly Meeting continuing with her and being weightily revived in this meeting, after solid consideration on the subject she is united with and left at liberty to pursue her prospect. A few lines expreſsive of the same are directed to be endorsed on her Certificate and signed by the clerk of this and the mens Meetings. Elizabeth Smith and Deborah Mowry are appointed to take the neceſsary care relative to her journey.

This meeting Concludes under a sense of Continued favour, intending to meet again at Northbridge in the 5th Mo next if permitted.

Hannah Keller aſsistant Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 8th 1817—

The representatives named in the accounts received from the several monthly meetings are, from Smithfield, Sybil Chase Waite Davenport and Alice Rathbun.

From Uxbridge, Mary Aldrich, Rhoda Aldrich & [illegible] Keen.

From Richmond, Susannah Harkness and Lydia Allen,

From Bolton, Lydia Gates and Amey Fry, who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read together with answers from the several Monthly Meetings and general answers prepared, which with some account from this meeting to the next Yearly Meeting at Rhode Island is are directed to be forwarded by Ruth Earle, Mary 3d Allen ~~and~~ Rachel Earle, Hannah [illegible] and Rachel Buffum who are appointed to attend said meeting & report to the next Quarterly Meeting.

A summary collected from the answers, was read, approved and is as follows.

Our Meetings have been attended generally by the greater part of Friends, though there is an apparent deficiency in some, No complaint of Sleep or other unbecoming behaviour when assembled. A good degree of Love & Unity subsists; Detraction measurably guarded against, No open differences.

Most Friends endeavor to bring up their Children as required being exemplary themselves, The Scriptures are frequently read.

No complaint as respects the 4th 5th 6th 7th & 8th Queries and there appears to be a care with regard to Records & Certificates also that Offenders be dealt with and Judgment placed when necessary.

The general printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London last year was acceptably read amongst us.

A testimony given forth by Smithfield Monthly Meeting concerning our beloved friend Elisha Thornton who departed this life at New Bedford on the 31st of 12th month 1816 was read and feelingly united with and directed to be Signed by the Clerk of this meeting. This meeting concludes, intending to meet again at Bolton in the 8th month next if permitted.

Patience Earle Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 14th 1817.

The representatives named in the accounts from the several monthly meetings constituting this quarter are, for Smithfield, Mercy Aldrich, Eunice Kelly & Abigail Sherman, Uxbridge, Anna Bassett, Mary Aldrich & Patience Earle, Richmond, Hannah Sherman & Molly Randall, Bolton, Elizabeth Powers & Rachel Fry Jr, who being called are all present.

Patience Earle is appointed Clerk and Hannah Holder assistant Clerk for one year.

A Copy of a minute in behalf our beloved friend Anna Almy was read in this meeting, her company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable and edifying to us. Also a Copy of a minute from East Greenwich monthly meeting on behalf of her companion our beloved friend, Sarah [illegible] who has also been acceptably with us.

This meeting was informed that the friends who were appointed as our representatives to attend the Yearly meeting attended agreeably to appointment except Hannah Holder who made a reasonable excuse for not attending.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from each monthly meeting have been read in this meeting.

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting and a transcript of an Epistle from Philadelphia yearly meeting were read to our mutual encouragement and edification, and Transcripts of them directed to be sent to our several monthly meetings.

This meeting concludes under a renewed sense of divine regard intending to meet again at Leicester in the 11th month if permitted.

Patience Earle, Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Leicester 11th mo 13th 1817.

The Representatives named in the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter are, from Smithfield Abegail Read, Mercy Aldrich, and Amey Walden, from Uxbridge Rhoda Aldrich, Rachel Baſsett and Sarah Shove, from Richmond Anna Baſset and Sarah Baſset, from Bolton Matilda Earle and Ruth Fry; who being called are all present excepting Sarah Shove and Sarah Baſset, ~~and sat~~isfactory reasons were given for their absence.

Accounts from our several monthly meetings with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 10th Queries have been read in this meeting.

Our beloved friend Anna Almy attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a minute from Providence monthly meeting, and in the course of her visit attended several meetings within the limits of this; whose company and Religious services have been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Providence Monthly Meeting.

Our beloved Friend Sarah Greene in company with Anna Almy acceptably attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a minute of concurrence from East Greenwich Monthly Meeting. The Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to that Meeting.

Our beloved friend Mary Batley informed this Meeting that she had accomplished her intended visit to the places of her own mind; and produced copies of Minutes from Saratoga and Easton Quarterly Meetings, informing that her company and religious Services have been acceptable to them.

Transcripts of Epistles from New York and Baltimore Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read; and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to the several monthly Meetings.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Smithfield in the 2nd mo next if permitted.

Patience Earle Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 2d mo 12th 1818.

We have received accounts from the several Monthly meetings constituting this Quarter. The Representatives therein named are, from Smithfield Hannah Smith Sybil Chase and Abigail Inman, Uxbridge Rachel Farnum Sarah Congdon and Rachel Earle. Richmond Lydia Allen and Hannah Savin, Bolton Nancy Wheeler and Hannah Holder, who being called are all present excepting Sarah Congdon and Lydia Allen who sent satisfactory reasons for their absence.

Our esteemed friend Betsey Purinton attended this meeting with Certificates of concurrence from the monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Salem, whose company and gospel Labors have been truly acceptable to us: Her companion Rebekah Dean with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting hath also been acceptably with us. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute. We have also had the company of our esteemed friend Lydia Breed from Weare Monthly Meeting, whose company and religious services have been acceptable.

The Queries with answers to the first second and tenth from all our monthly meetings, have been read in this meeting: A Transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly

meeting

Meeting of Ohio has been read we trust to our edification and encouragement, and which is directed to be forwarded to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings.

This Meeting concludes, under a ſense of divine favor renewedly extended to us at this time, to meet again at Northbridge in the Fifth Month if permitted — —

Patience Earle Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 14th 1818.

We have received accounts from all the monthly Meetings constituting this Quarterly Meeting. The Representatives therein named are.

From Smithfield Mary Steere, Waite Davenport and Mercy Smith.

Uxbridge Rachel Earle Rachel Baſset Elizabeth Bowen and Lydia Earle.

Richmond Ruth Baſsett and Susannah Harkneſs

Bolton Amity Wheeler and Amy Fry.

who being called are all present excepting Susannah Harkneſs who ſent a ſatisfactory reason for her absence.

The Queries with answers from all our meetings have been read and the following general answers prepared and directed to be forwarded with the account to the next Yearly Meeting by our Friends Mary Allen Avis Keen Mary Batty Hannah Holden and Patience Earle, who are appointed to attend said meeting and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Ans 1st

All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been attended and generally by most of our members, the hour observed, and mostly clear of sleeping or any other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

Ans 2nd

Love and Unity in a good degree subsist amongst us, Detraction mostly guarded against and where differences have arisen care has been taken.

3d Friends generally endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation, and to be good examples themselves, the Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4th

We know of none amongst us that make an improper use of Spirituous Liquors and none that frequent places of public resort, and Friends are generally careful to observe Moderation and Temperance.

5th None amongst us ~~who~~ are considered poor Care is taken in regard to those likely to need assistance, and minors placed from amongst Friends

6th

It appears that Friends are generally careful that all proceedings with regard to Marriage be conformable to Discipline.

7th Friends endeavour to bear testimony against the several parts of this Query.

8th Friends are mostly careful respecting each part of this Query.

9th

Generally careful as to records, care is taken respecting Certificates

10th

There is a care amongst Friends to deal with offenders measurably as Queried after and to place Judgment when it appears necessary.

Smithfield monthly meeting informs that they hav appointed Lavinia Southwick to the station of an El and this Meeting unites therewith having the concurrenc of the Men's Meeting

Richmond Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed Lydia Allen to the station of an Elder and this meeting with the concurrence of the Men's Meeting unites therewith. Rachel Basset is appointed to acquaint the select meeting of said appointments.

The Men Friends inform that they have united with Richmond Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elijah Harkness to the station of an Elder which meets the concurrence of this Meeting.

This Meeting concludes, intending to meet again at Bolton in the eighth month next if permitted

Patience Earle) Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 30th 1818.

The Representatives named in the accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings are, from Smithfield Hannah Smith Chloe Allen & Sybil Cha
Uxbridge Ruth Earle Phebe Southwick and Mary Harris
Richmond Betsy Harkness and Phebe Allen.
Bolton Rachel Fry and Elizabeth Southwick, who are all present excepting Phebe Southwick.

Patience Earle is reappointed Clerk and Hannah Holden Assistant Clerk for the ensuing Year.

The Queries with answers to the first second and tenth from

from our several Monthly Meetings have been read in this meeting.

The friends who were appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, inform that they attended agreeably to appointment.

Our beloved Friend Anna Thorn attended this meeting with Certificates of concurrence from Nine Partners Monthly and Quarterly Meetings whose company and Gospel Labors have been truly acceptable and edifying to us.

Her Companion Phebe Howes with a certificate from said Monthly Meeting, hath also been acceptably with us.

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting adverting to the deficiencies expressed in the answers to the Queries, with regard to a spirit of Detraction, the too great use of Spirituous Liquors and recommending greater vigilance in administering to the necessities of the poor have been read in this meeting.

A transcript of a Salutary Epistle from London Yearly Meeting hath also been read and Copies are directed to be forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings

This meeting concludes under a renewed sense of Divine regard intending to meet again at Leicester in the eleventh month next if permitted

Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Leicester 11th mo 12th 1818.

The Representatives named in the accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings are from Smithfield Eunice Kelley Amey Walden and Elizabeth Smith. Uxbridge Hannah Arnold Sarah Congdon and Mary Aldrich. Richmond Wait Buffum and Mary Allen. Bolton Mary Holden and Mary Estey who being called are all present excepting Amey Walden.

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins, who was acceptably at ~~attended~~ our last Quarterly meeting has since attended several ~~[illegible]~~ meetings within our limits in which her company & Religious Services have been acceptable — the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute —

John Osborne clerk
Lydia B. Capron clerk

Our beloved Friend Anne Almy attended this Meeting with a certificate of concurrence from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Providence whose company and Gospel services have been truly acceptable to us. Her companion Mary Aylesworth hath also been acceptably with us.

Certificates directed to Nine partners Monthly Meeting for our beloved Friends Anna McShorn and Phebe Howes who attended our last ~~Monthly~~ Quarterly Meeting and several Meetings within the compass of this Meeting have been prepared and signed by the clerks of the Mens and Womens Meeting

The Queries with the required answers from our several Monthly meetings have been read in this Meeting.

~~Our beloved Friend Anna McShorn attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a Certificate of concurrence from Nine Partners Monthly~~

The Mens Meeting inform that they have united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Seth Kelly to the Station of an Elder, which is concurred with in this Meeting

We have also united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Patience Earle and Rachel Earle to that Station having the concurrence of the Mens Meeting and Elizabeth Smith is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting therewith.

Transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meetings have been read and Copies directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meetings.

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again at Smithfield in the 2nd month next if permitted

Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 2nd month 11th. 1819.

Accounts from all the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter have been presented. The Representatives therein named are from ~~Smithfield~~ Elizabeth Smith Dolly Aldrich Eunice Kelley and Sybil Chase.
Uxbridge; Wait Aldrich Sarah Shove and Sarah Congdon
Richmond, Molly Randall and Susannah Basset.
Foster, Ruth Fry and Hannah Wheeler.
who being called are all present excepting Molly Randall and Susannah Basset who sent the reasons for their absence. Amey Walden gave a satisfactory reason for not attending our last Quarterly Meeting agreeably to appointment.

The Queries with answers to the first second and tenth from our respective monthly Meetings have been read in this meeting.

A few lines have been directed to Providence Monthly Meeting signed by the Clerks of the Mens and Womens meetings, certifying that the Company and Religious services of our beloved Friend Anna Almy at our last Quarterly Meeting, and other meetings within the our limits ~~of this~~, was acceptable to us. Also that her Companion Mary Aylesworth was acceptably with us.

The Men Friends inform that they have united with Richmond Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Danl. Randall to the station of an Elder and this meeting unites therewith

Richmond Monthly meeting inform that they have appointed Hannah Sabins, to the station of an Elder which is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting for further consideration.

Transcripts of Epistles from Baltimore and Ohio Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read and copies directed to be sent to our several monthly meetings.

This Meeting concludes, intending to meet again at Northbridge in the next 5th month if permitted. If

Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting held at Northbridge 5th month 13th 1819.

The Representatives named in the accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings are
From Smithfield Waity Davenport, Sybil Chase, Mercy Cook and Abigail Farnum.
Uxbridge Hannah Arnold and Susannah Farnum
Richmond Lydia Allen and Phebe Allen.
Bolton Amey [illegible] and Amity Walker.
all present.

"We have received Answers to the Queries from each of our Monthly Meetings which have been read and general Answers agreed on as follows which are directed to be sent to the next Yearly Meeting at Rhode Island by our Friends, Elizabeth Smith, Susan Shove senior, Lydia Gates and Lydia Allen, who are appointed to attend said meeting and report to our next Quarterly Meeting."

Answers 1st Meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, and generally by the greater part of our members, excepting some small meetings in consequence of inclement weather; the hour pretty well observed, Most Friends are preserved from sleeping, No other unbecoming behaviour observed.

2nd Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained among us, Detraction generally guarded against, Care is taken to end differences.

3rd Most Friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation; and are generally exemplary themselves and the Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

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~~case laboring in their Meeting in which the Mens meet-~~
ing do not unite

Ans 4th Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of Spirituous Liquors except for Medicine. We know of none who frequent places of public resort. Moderation and Temperance are measurably observed on all occasions.

5th. We believe care is extended to the poor and such as appear likely to require assistance. No Children placed out from amongst Friends.

6th. Notwithstanding most Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to Marriage be conformable to discipline; yet there have been a few instances of disorderly marriages wherein care hath been taken.

7th Our testimony is generally maintained as respects the general parts of this Query.

8th Most Friends are careful to observe each part of this Query.

9th We believe the necessary Care is taken respecting Records and Certificates.

10th There is a Care among Friends for regularly dealing with Offenders and to place Judgment when it appears necessary according to Discipline.

Westerly Monthly Meeting informs that there is a Case laboring in their meeting in which the Mens Meeting are not united in Judgment with them and they request assistance from this Meeting; whereupon Mary B. Allen, Elizabeth Smith, Alice Rathbun, Hannah Holder, Waity Davenport and [illegible] are appointed to unite with a committee of Mens Friends and after enquiring into the circumstances of the case, endeavour to render such advice and assistance as best wisdom may direct, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again at [illegible] in the 8th month next if permitted.

[illegible] Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton 8th Month 12th 1819.

Accounts from our respective ~~Month~~ly Meetings have been received the Representatives therein named are from Smithfield Dorcas Kelly, Ann L Buffum, Mary Taylo and Abigail Sherman. Uxbridge Hannah Eddy, Patience Earle and Rachel Basset. Richmond Susannah Hackn and Ruth Tapett. Bolton Hannah Wheeler and Rachel Fry j who being called are all present except Ann L Buffum for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned

We have received answers from all our Monthly Meetings which together with the Queries have been read in this Meeting

Our Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended agreeably to appointment

Our beloved friend Elizabeth A Walker attended this meeting with a certificate from Purchase Monthly Meeting whose company and Gospel Labors have been truly acceptable to us Also her Companion Sarah Sutton with a copy of a minute from Shapaquaw monthly meeting hath been acceptably with us. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute

The committee who were appointed upon the subject of the disagreement in Judgment between the Mens and Womens Monthly Meetings of Uxbridge report that they have attended that they have attended that meeting and communicated such advice as in their opinion the nature of the case required to which that meeting hath acceded.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Leicest in the 11th mo next if permitted.

Patience Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Worcester the 11th day of 11th mo 1819

We have received accounts from our several Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named viz. From Smithfield, Mary Batty, Dolly Aldrich, Sally Skinner and Hannah Smith From Uxbridge, Patience Earle and Rachel Farnum From Richmond, Susannah Taft and Meribah Harkn From Bolton, Hannah Holder and Hannah Wheel who, being called, are all present except Susanna Taf and Sally Skinner, the former of whom sent a satisfactory reason for her absence

Our beloved Friend Ruth Spencer attended this meeting with a certificate from Rensalaerville Monthly meeting and Duanesburg Quarterly Meeting, whose company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute. The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from each of our meetings have been read in this meeting.

The matter respecting the appointment of Hannah Sabin to the station of an Elder is again deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Smithfield in the 2d mo next if permitted.

Patience Earle Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 2 mo 10th 1826 (11)

We have received accounts from all our Mo. Meetings the representatives therein named are;

From Smithfield Mary Aldrich Amy Walker, Waity Davenport and Hipsha Mowry From Uxbridge, Hannah Arnold, Patience Earle Sarah [illegible]

From Richmond Mary Allen & Molly Randall From Bolton Sally Pope & Ruth Holder,

Who being called are all present excepting three

The Queries with the requisite answers from our respective Monthly Meetings have been read in this meeting

The matter respecting the appointment of Hannah Sabin to the station of an Elder has again claimed our serious attention and upon mature consideration it is concluded that the subject be dismissed and an extract of this minute is directed to be sent to Richmond Monthly Meeting (11) Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and a transcript of an Epistle from Philadelphia have been read to our satisfaction and are directed to be sent to our several Monthly Meetings

This Meeting concludes intending to meet at Northbridge in the 5th mo next if permitted

Signed Patience Earle Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 11th 1826

We have received accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are; From Smithfield, Hannah Cullum, Lilly Aldrich, Sybil Chase and Eliza Sherman. From Uxbridge Patience Earle, Rachel Bassel and Sarah Congdon — From Richmond, Susannah Harkness and Molly Randall — From Bolton, Lilly Pope and Catharine Smith, who being called are all present excepting four, three of whom sent reasons for their non attendance (H)

Patience Earle is appointed Clerk this time and Hannah Earle assistant Clerk for one year

The Queries have been read with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which we have collected general answers and directed them to be forwarded to the next Yearly Meeting at Rhode Island by Eunice Kelly, Lydia Gates, Mary Aldrich & Sarah Shove, who are appointed to attend said meeting and report to our next Quarterly Meeting (H) *

Our beloved Frd Alice Rathburn, in a solemn and weighty manner, opened a concern in this meeting which she had felt for a considerable length of time to make a religious visit to friends and others in Baltimore and Ohio Yearly meetings and some meetings within the limits of Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meetings, which having claimed our serious attention, a near unity and sympathy with her have been expressed and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way. A certificate on her behalf from Smithfield Monthly meeting has been read and an endorsement thereon directed to be signed by the clerks of the mens and womens meetings

Our beloved Friend Mary B. Allen impressively spread before this meeting a concern which has at times attended her mind for sometime past to perform a religious visit to the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and Ohio and some meetings within the limits of them and Philadelphia and New York yearly meetings which having been feelingly and tenderly united with, a certificate for her from Smithfield Monthly Meeting has been read. She is left at liberty to pursue her prospect in the truth and an endorsement on said certificate has been signed by the Clerks of the Men's and women's meetings
Elizabeth Smith Patience Earle Lydia Davenport and Deborah Mowry are appointed to assist in making necessary arrangements for journey
Transcripts of Epistles from New York and Ohio Yearly Meetings have been read and copies have been sent to our several Monthly Meetings — 4

This meeting concludes intending to meet at Bolton in the 8 mo next if permitted

Signed Patience Earle Clerk

Answers

* 1st Our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended except some small meetings a few times when circumstances rendered it difficult to attend and generally by the greater part of our members Mostly preserved from sleeping — No other unbecoming behaviour has been observed — "

2d Love and Unity generally subsist amongst us detraction mostly guarded against &c. No differences have come to our knowledge &c.

3d Most friends are careful to educate their children in plainness and to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world — They are generally exemplary themselv and the scriptures are frequently read in our famili

4th Generally careful as respects the several parts of this Query 5th There is a care amongst us to assi the poor. No children placed from amongst friends

7th Our testimony has been maintained in these respect

8th We believe friends are generally careful in these respec

9th The necessary care is taken with regard to records and certificates

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably as required and to place judgement according to discip

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Bolton 8th mo 10th 1820

The representatives named in the accounts from our respective monthly meetings, are, from Smithfield Eunice Kelley, Abigail Sherman and Mercy Aldrich; from Uxbridge, Rachel Bassett Susanna Farnum and Polly Southwick; from Richmond Betsey Harkness and Molly Randall from Bolton Lydia Fales and Sarah Holder, all present except one who

Susanna Harkness sent a satisfactory reason for her nonattendance of our last quarterly meeting

Patience Earle is appointed clerk for this time

The Queries with the requisite answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read

Our beloved Friend Charles Osborne attended this meeting with a certificate from the Monthly Meeting of New Garden, held in Wayne County, State of Indiana and endorsed by the quarterly Meeting of Whitewater whose company and Gospel ministry have been truly acceptable to us. His companion James Pegg with a copy of a minute from Whitewater has also been acceptably with us

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended excepting Mary Aldrich who gave a satisfactory reason for nonattendance

We have received transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Virginia and Ohio which have been read to satisfaction and copies directed to be sent to the monthly meetings

This meeting concludes intending to meet at Leicester in the 11th mo next if permitted

Signed Patience Earle Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Liecester 11 mo 1820

The representatives named in the accounts from our several Monthly meetings are, from Smithfield Ann L Buffum Waity Davenport and Mary Batty
From Uxbridge Susanna Farnum Rhoda Aldrich & Hulda
Arnold From Bolton Ruth Fry and Mary E Fry
From Richmond Susanna Harkness and Sarah Bassett
Who being called are all present excepting three two of whom sent satisfactory reasons for their absence

Betsey Harkness informed this meeting that sickness prevented her attending our last quarterly meeting, Patience Earle is appointed clerk for this time

The Queries with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our monthly meetings have been read — A transcript of an acceptable Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of women friends in London has been read and copies directed to be sent to our several Monthly Meetings
The general printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at London the present year has been read to our satisfaction — Our beloved Friends Ruth Davis from New Bedford Monthly Meeting and Lydia Breed from Weare Monthly Meeting in Newhampshire attended this meeting whose company and gospel ministry have been truly acceptable to us

This Meeting concludes intending to meet at Smithfield in the 2d mo next if permitted

Signed by Patience Earle Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held
at Smithfield 2d Mo 8 1821.

The Representatives named in the accounts from our respective Monthly meetings are from Smithfield Wait Bartlett Hannah Aldrich & Mary Botty from Uxbridge Judith Aldrich Patience Earle & Mary Aldrich from Bolton Hannah Wheeler and Hannah Holder from Richmond Anna Baſset & Molly Randall Who being called are all present but four two of whom sent reasons for their absence

The committee appointed to nominate a clerk for this meeting propose Eunice Kelley - She is accordingly appointed for one year
The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from our several Monthly Meetings have been read
Our Beloved Friend Mary B Allen informed this meeting that she had returned the certificate which she obtained from Smithfield Monthly meeting and was endorsed by this in 5th mo last - And she feelingly expreſsed that although her visit did not extend so far as her first prospect yet she had been favoured to return home with the reward of peace
Our beloved friend Alice Rathburn informed this meeting that she had returned her certificate obtained from Smithfield Monthly meeting and endorsed by this in 5th Mo last - She feelingly expreſsed that although her visit was not so extensive as she at first had a prospect of yet she had been favoured to return with the reward of peace which is satisfactory to this meeting

This Meeting concludes intending to meet at Northbridge in 5th Mo next if permitted

Signed by Eunice Kelley Cl

Smithfield Qr. Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 10th 1821.

We have recieved accounts from our respective Mo: Meetings and the representatives there in named are as follows

From Smithfield Dolly Aldrich, Abigail Sherman & Sarah Batty.
Uxbridge Patience Earl, Sarah Shove & Wait Aldrich
Bolton Amey Fry & Nancy Wheeler.
Richmond Phebe Allen & Susanah Harkness.

who being calld are all present except Phebe Allen who was prevented attending by indisposition.

The Year having expired for which Hannah Earl was appointed assistant Clerk, this Meeting proposes her reappointment, she is accordingly appointed for the insuing year.

The queries and answers have been read in this Meeting, and general answers collected, which are directed to be forwarded with an account to the Yearly Meeting of Rhod Island by our friends Mary Batty, Sarah Shove senr, Dolly Aldrich, Amey Fry and Ann L Buffum whom we appoint to attend the Y. Meeting and make report to our next Qr. Meeting.

We have been at this time favourd with the company of our beloved friend Anna Almy her gospel labours have been acceptable to us, her companion Mary Aylsworth hath also been acceptably with us.

Answers.

Answer 1st Our Meetings for worship & discipline have been attended, and generally by the greater part of our members, the hour observed, mostly preserved from sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour.

2d Love & unity measurably maintain'd amoungst us detraction guarded against no differences that we know of.

3d Most friends appear to be concern'd to educate their children in plainness to restrain them from unprofitable reading, and from corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary themselves, the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

4th We believe friends are generally concern'd to observe the several parts of this query, one exception which is now under notice.

5th Care is taken respecting the poor, none placed from amongst friends.

6th Parents & heads of families mostly appear to be concern'd that all proceedings with respect to Marriage be conformable to discipline, there are some of the young and unmarried not so circumspect as would be best, some care is taken.

7th We believe friends endeavour to maintain our testimony in the several requisitions of this query.

8th Friends generally endeavour to be careful in those respects.

9th Care is taken with respect to records and certificates.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust measurably as the Query requires and to place Judgment when necessary.

This Meeting concludes ~~intending~~ to meet at Bolton in 8th mo. if permitted.

Eunice Kelley Clerk.

Smithfield Qr. Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton the 4th of 8th mo. 1824.

The Representitives from our several Monthly Meetings are, from Smithfield Clarissa Comstock Asenath Pain, & Dolly Aldrich.+ Bolton Hannah Holder & Sally Pope. Richmond Betsey Harkness Molly Randal & Sarah Basset.

× Uxbridge Rachel Basset Mary Aldrich & Lydia Chace.

Being calld are present except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons hath been given.

The queries with the required answers have been read in this Meeting. This Meeting is inform'd that the friends under appointment to attend the Yearly Meeting all attended, except Mary Bates & a satisfactory reason hath been given for her absence. Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting also transcripts ~~from~~ of epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, & N. York have been read in this, containing much solid instruction & are directed to be forwarded to the several monthly Meetings composing this Qr. The Men Friends inform they have united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in approving the appearance in the ministry of Daniel Clap; this Meeting proposes refering it to another Quarter.

We have been fav.d at this time with the company of our beloved friend Avice Keen & her companion whose company & gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us. Signed on behalf of the Meeting by

Eunice Kelley Clerk.

Smithfield Qr. Meeting of Women Friends
held at Leicester the 8th of 11th month. 1821.

The representatives from our respective monthly Meetings are.
From Smithfield - Maria Buffum, Mary Killey, Mary Sayles and
Sarah Aldrich.
Uxbridge - Sarah Condon, Rachel Earl, & Rachel Basset.
Bolton - Catharine Smith & Hannah Wheeler.
Richmond - Molly Randal & Sarah Basset. Being call'd are present, except Sarah Basset & Maria Buffum; for the absence of the latter a satisfactory reason hath been given. The queries & required answers have been read in this Meeting. The subject refer'd from our last Quarterly Meeting respecting approving the [illegible] Ministry of Daniel Clap, coming before us, is again refer'd.
Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Virginia and Baltimore have been read in this Meeting. We have been at this time favourd with the company of our beloved friend Lydia Breed, whose company & gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us.

signd on behalf of the Meeting by
Eunice Killey Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at
Smithfield 14th of 2d month. 1822.

The Representatives from our several monthly Meetings are,
from Smithfield - Mercy Coe, Hannah Smith, Sybil Chace
and Abigail Sherman.
Uxbridge - Rachal Farnum Patience Earl,
and Mary Aldrich.
Bolton - Rachal Fry Jun. & Elizabeth Powers.
Richmond Susanah Harkness & Betsey Harkness.
Who being call'd are present except Susanah Harkness who was prevented attending by indisposition. The Queries and required answers have been read in this Meeting. The subject respecting our approving the Ministry of Daniel Clapp as refer'd from our last Qr. Meeting is again refer'd.
Transcripts of Epistles from the Y. Meetings of North Carolina and Ohio have been acceptably read in this Meeting.

Men's Meeting inform that they have united with Smithfield monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen Sherman to the station of an Elder, which is united with in this. We have been favo^d at this time with the company of our beloved friend Betsey Purington whose Gospel services have been truly acceptable to us.

under a greatful sence of divine regard vouchsafed to us at this time we conclude; intending to meet again at North bridge in 5th month if permitted.

Signd in & on behalf of the Meeting
Eunice Killey Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 9th of 5th mo. 1822.

The representatives named in the accounts from our several Monthly Meetings are... From Smithfield Mercy Aldrich, Maria Buffum Dorcas Killey Lucinda Sherman & Mary Sayls.
From Uxbridge Sarah Shove, Patience Earl, & Hannah Arnold.
From Bolton Ruth Fry and Lydia Gates.
From Richmond Ruth Basset & Lucy Harkness.
who being calld are all present except one.

Eunice Killey is appointed clerk for the Year insuing.

The queries with answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read in this, from which general answers have been compiled, and are directed to be forwarded to our next yearly Meeting at Rhode Island by Patience Earl, Mary B. Allen, Hannah Holder and Ann L. Buffum. whom we appoint to attend said Meeting and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Answers.

Ans. 1st Our Meetings have been attended, except several instances occasion'd by inclemency of weather, and generally by the greater part of friends; the hour nearly observed; friends are generally preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour.

Ans. 2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintaind, detraction generally guarded against, & where differences have arisen care has been taken.

Ans. 3d We believe most friends are carefull to bring up there under their care as this Query requires and to be exemplary themselves, the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends familys.

Ans. 4th Friends are generally carful to avoid the use of spiritous liquors unnecessarily; frequenting places of publick resort, and to keep in moderation on account of births, marriages, burials and other occations.

Ans. 5th care is taken with reg-ard to the poor none placed from among friends.

Ans. 6th We believe that Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally carefull that all proceedings with respect to Marriage be conformable to discipline where it hath been otherwise care has been taken.

7th We believe our testimony is maintaind in every part of this query. Ans. 8th We believe friends are careful with respect to accounts and promises and to live within the bounds of their circumstances. Ans. 9th Care has been taken with regard to records mostly clear as it respects certifficates. Ans. 10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders measurably as queried, also to place Judgment according to discipline.

This Meeting has united with Men's Meeting in approving the Ministry of Daniel Clapp.

Sign'd in and on behalf of the Meeting

Eunice Killey Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th of 8th mo. 1822.

We have reciev'd accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th quries, the friends appointed as representatives to this Meeting, are as follows viz. For Smithfield Mercy Thayer, Sybil Chace, Hannah Reed & Sarah Aldrich. For Uxbridge Lydia E Chace, Mary Aldrich, & Rachal Farnum. Bolton Mary Holder, and Mahilda Earle. Richmond Phebe Allen, Ruth Barret & Betsey Harkness.

who Being call'd are all present.

The year having expired at our last Quarterly Meeting for which Hannah Earl was appointed assistant Clerk, and she chusing to be received. Sarah Shove was proposed; but her appointment defer'd to the present time — which coming before us, with the unity of this Meeting she is appointed to serve as assistant Clerk for one year from 5th mo. last.

The queries & required answers have been read in this Meeting. We are inform'd that our representatives under appointment to the Yearly Meeting all attended except Hannah Holder, who has render'd a satisfactory reason for her absence. Richmond Mo. Meeting inform that they have disown'd unity with Rhoda Buffum, she having appeal'd to this Meeting, we appoint Rachal Basset, Rachal Farnum, Lydia Gates, Rachal Earle, and Hannah Holder, to confer with the committee of Richmond Mo. Meeting in considering the case, and make report to our next Qr. Meeting.

Transcript of an Epistle from the Y. Meeting in London hath been acceptably read in this Meeting. Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting

Eunice Tilley Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Leicester 14th of 11th mo. 1822.

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are For Smithfield Lucinda Sherman, Hannah Smith, Mercy Aldrich & Mary Batty.

For Uxbridge Hannah Arnold, Rachel Basset, & Elizath Bowe

For Bolton Ruth Fry, & Rachel Fry.

For Richmond Susanna Basset, & Susanna Harkness.

Being call'd are all present except Mary Batty & Susanah Harkne for whose absence satisfactory reasons hath been given.

The queries & required answers have been read.

The committee appointed to consider the case of Rhoda Buffum's appeal, presented a report,* which being read and weightily considerd it is the judgement of this

*on the next page.

with the concurrance of mens Meeting
Meeting ^ to refer it to another Quarter.

- We appoint Mary B. Allen, Alice Rathbun, Elizath Smith and Sarah Shove Senr. to attend the Monthly Meeting of Richmond and visit some families if Truth should open the way. Transcripts of Epistles from the Y. Meetings of Philidelphia & N York have been acceptably read at this time. Signd on behalf of the Meeting.

Eunice Kelley, Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield the 13th of 2 mo. 1828.

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are.

- For Smithfield Lucinda Sherman, Mercy Thayer, Marcy Coe, and Ruth Clemence.

- For Uxbridge - Rachal Farnum & Hannah Arnold.

Bolton - Mary E Fry, & Lydia Gates.

Richmond - Lucy Harkness Betsy Tickners. Who being called are all present except Lucy Harkness who sent a satisfactory reason for her absence. The Queries with the required answers have been read. The subject of Rhoda Buffum's appeal coming again before us, with the concurrance of Mens Meeting is refered to another Quarter under the care of the committee appointed at a former time.

— The committee appointed to attend Richmond Mo. Meeting are not ready to make report; Patience Earl and Hannah Arnold are added thereto; and they are at liberty to extend their visit to other Monthly Meetings should truth open the way. An Epistle from the yearly Meeting has been read at this time. Signd in .. on behalf of the Meeting

Eunice Kelley Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Women Friends.
held at Northbridge 8th of 5th month 1823.

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are,
For Smithfield — Ann L Buffum, Dorcas Kelley, Lucinda Sherman,
and Mary Sayles.
Uxbridge — Hannah Arnold, Rachel Earle & Susanna Farnum.
Bolton — Catharine Smith, & Rachel Fry Junr.
Richmond — Hannah Sabin & Phebe Allen.

Being call'd are all present except Phebe Allen, who has sent a satisfactory reason for her absence. The Year having expired for which the Clerk & assistant were appointed Patience Earle, Rachel Earle, & Alice Rathbone, are appointed to confer with a couple of Friends for that service, & report to our next Quarterly Meeting. The queries and answers have been read, and directed to be forwarded with an account to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives, Alice Rathbone, Rachel Earle, Eunice Kelley, and Mary E Fry.

Ans. 1st Our Meetings for worship & discipline have been attended except in a few instances owing to inclemency of weather, on First days by most of our members, the hour nearly observed, generally clear of sleeping, and other unbecoming behaviour.

Ans. 2d Love & unity maintaind by most Friends, detraction guarded against, where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

Ans 3d Most Friends are concern'd to bring up those under their direction in plainness; to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & from corrupt conversation, generally exemplary themselves; the scriptures frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th Friends are carefull in the use of spirituous liquors; in frequenting places of publick resort; & to observe moderation in other respects.

Ans. 5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected, and relieved no children placed from among friends.

Ans. 6th Most Friends are engaged to support our testimony in these respects, while others are remiss therein.

Ans. 7th Our testimony we believe is maintaind in the several parts of this query.

Ans. 8th Friends generally carefull to settle their accounts, and perform ~~theirr~~ their promises & to live within their circumstances.

Ans. 9th care is taken respecting records & certificates.

Ans. 10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders measureably as queries after & place Judgment according to discipline.

The committee appointed in the case of Rhoda Buffum's appeal as refered from 8th mo. 1822. make the following report

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

"We your committee in the case of Rhoda Buffum's appeal, have again confered on the subject ~~and~~ are unitedly of opinion that it will be best to confirm our report which we presented to the Meeting in 11th mo last.

	Jesse Batley	Rachel Barset
Northbridge	Jesse Eddy	Lydia Gales
5th month 7th 1823	Chad Smith	Rachel Earle
	Thomas Fry	Rachel Farnum

Which being united with in this Meeting the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Richmond Monthly Meeting for their information & also to inform her the decision of this Meeting. Our blessed friend Avice Keene attended this Meeting with copy of a minute from Salem Mo. Meetin the Clerk of Men & Womens Meeting are directed to furnish her with an endorsment expressing that her company & gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us. Her companion Phebe Percival hath also been acceptably with us. Transcripts of Epistles from N Carolina, Baltimore & Ohio. hath been read at this time.

On behalf of the Meeting Eunice Kelly. Clk for the day.

The first report of the committee in the case of Rhoda Buffum's appeal omitted in its proper place is inserted here, as follows.

"We your committee in case of an appeal of Rhoda Buffum from the judgement of Richmond Mo. Meeting have met with the parties and examined the proceedings of the Monthly Meeting and are of Opinion that the judgement of that Meeting ought to be confirm'd.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to be held at Bolton.

Bolton 8th mo 8th 1822.

Rachel Basset

Jesse Batty
Chad Smith
Jesse Eddy
Thomas Fry.

Lydia Gates
Rachel Earl
Rachel Farnum
Hannah Holder

Smithfield Qr. Meeting Women Friends held at Bolton the 8th month 14. 1822

Received accounts with answers to the queries from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are the following.

For Smithfield Louisa Cook, Dolly Aldrich, Rachel Jacobs, Esther Petty & Sarah Batty.
Uxbridge Rachel Basset, Susanna Farnum & Dinah Aldrich
Bolton Amey Fry, & Ruth Holder.
Richmond Thankful Cook, & Betsey Harkness.
being calld are present except Dolly Aldrich who has rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence.

The appointment of Clk & assistant is referred to another Qr. Sarah Snow 2d & Ann L Buffum are appointed for the day.

The Queries & required answers have been read.

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting all attended.

Eunice Kelley inform'd that she forwarded an extract from the minutes of our last Qr. Meeting to Richmond Mo: Meeting respecting the case of Rhoda Buffum. Our beloved friend Mary Batty oppened in this Meeting a prospect of ~~attend~~ paying a religious visit to some Meetings in Eastown and Saratoga quarterly Meetings producing a certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield expressive of their unity with her therein, which claiming ~~the~~ our solid attention and a near unity being expresd she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may direct, she being a minister in unity with us the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute. Extracts from our Yearly Meetings

Minutes has been read we trust to our edification, also extract from the boarding school committee. Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philidelphia, Newyork, Virginia, & North Carolina hath been read to our mutual encouragement. Mary E Fry, Rachel Fry, Ruth Hilder & Elinah Wheeler, are appointed to prepare copies thereof and forward to our several monthly Meetings. The London printed Epistle has been read at this time.

On behalf of the Meeting Sarah Shove Clk. at this time.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Leicester 11th mo 13th 1823.

Representatives from our several Monthly Meetings are the following - For Smithfield, Eunice Kelley, Mercy Aldrich, Arba Spear, & Mary Batty.

Uxbridge Sarah Wall, Hannah Arnold, and Bathsheba Aldrich. Bolton. Mary Southwick and Amy Fry. Richmond Ruth Allen and Susannah Basset. All present except Eunice Kelley Bathsheba Aldrich & Susannah Basset the latter of whom sent a satisfactory reason for her absence. The friends not being present (whom the committee appointed to provide Clerks have agreed to propose) Patience Earl is appointed Clerk for this time. Answers to the 1st 2d & 10. Queries from all our Monthly Meetings have been read. Smithfield Monthly Meeting proposes the ap intment of Hannah Smith to the station of an Elder, which by request of our Men Friends is refered to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our beloved Friend Mary Batty informs this Meeting that she has perform'd her visit to satisfaction, She also produced ~~p~~ copies of minutes from the Monthly Meetings of Easton & East Housick sign'd by the Mens & Women's Clerks, expressive of their satisfaction with her company and labours among them. The Committee appointed to visit our Monthly Meetings are not ready to report. Under a renewed sense of divine favour, this meeting concludes intending to meet at Smithfield in 2d Mo. if permitted.

Patience Earl Clk. at this time.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 12th of 2d mo. 1824.

The friends appointed from our respective Monthly Meetings as representatives are the following

For Smithfield Maria Buffum, Mary Aldrich, Abigail Sherman
Mary Sayles & Hannah Smith.
For Uxbridge Mary Aldrich Sarah Shove & Phebe Capron.
For Bolton Catharine Smith & Rachel Fry.
For Richmond Susanna Barret & Betsey Harkness.

All present except those from Richmon who have sent satisfactory reasons for their absence. The committee appointed propose Eunice Kelley for Clerk & Ann L Buffum assistant which being united with they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year. The queries and required answers have been read. Bathsheba Aldrich & Eunice Kelley have given satisfactory reasons for their not attending our last Qr Meeting agreeable to appointment.

Our Men friends inform they have united with this Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Smith to the station of an Elder, Elizabeth Smith is appointed to inform the select Meeting thereof, and report to our next Qr Meeting. Transcripts of Epistles from Baltimore, Ohio, & Indianna Yearly Meetings have been read at this time.

Our beloved friends, Hannah Dennis from R Island and Avice Keene from Salem Monthly Meetings have attended this, whose company & gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us. Under a renewed sense of divine regard vouchsafed to us at this time we conclude, intending to meet again at North bridge if permitted in 5th mo.

On behalf of the Meeting Eunice Kelley
Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Women Friends, held at North Bridge 13th of 5th month 1824

We have received accounts with answers to the queries from our respective Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named are the following. For Smithfield Nabby Hedges, Sibyl Chace

Hannah Smith & Ann L Buffum. Uxbridge Rachel Farnum, Lydia Chace & Susanah Farnum. Bolton Mary E Fry, and Ruth Fry. Richmond Martha Harkness, & Susannah Harkness. Being call'd are all present except those from Richmond, one of whom sent a satisfactory reason for her absence. The Queries and answers have been read, & general answers prepared, which with some account to the Y. Meeting is directed to be forwarded by our Representatives Mary Bolton, Rachel Russell, Ruth Fry, and Elizabeth Bowen, whom we appoint to attend said Meeting and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Answer 1st All our Meetings have been attended, except in a few instances some small Meetings have been drop'd, occasion'd by indisposion &c. And most of them by the greater part of our members, the hour generally observed friends mostly preserv'd from sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour noticed therein.

Ans. 2d Love & Unity are in a good degree maintaind amongst us, detraction guarded against, not any differences that we know of.

Ans 3d. Most Friends are concernd to bring up those under their direction in plainness; to restrain them from unprofitable reading and conversation; and ~~[illegible]~~ endeavour to be exemplary them selves, the holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families, yet we fear there are some remiss in these important duties.

Ans 4th Friends are mostly careful in the use of spirituous liquors we know of none who frequent places of publick resort, moderation & temperance observed on other occations.

Ans. 5th The circumstance of the poor are inspected and relief afforded— none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th Parents & heads of families with the young & unmarried generally carful to observe this query, where deficiencies have appeard some care has been taken.

Ans 7th our testimony is maintain'd in the particulars of this query.

Ans 8th Friends are careful to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts punctual in their promises & just in the payment of their debts & ~~[illegible]~~ endevour to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

ans 9th Careful as to records and certificates.

ans 10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried after— & Judgment placed when necessary according to discipline.

Mens Meeting inform they have concluded to alter the holding of our Quarterly Meeting as follows instead of Meeting:

at Lescester in 11th mo. to Meet at that time at Northbridge. which is united with. The friends appointed informed the select Meeting that this Meeting had united with Smithfield Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Smith to the station of an Elder.

on behalf of the Meeting. Eunice Kelley Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Women Friends held at Bolton the 12th of 8th month 1824.

We have recieved accounts with answers, to the queries from our respective Monthly Meetings, the friends therein named as representatives to this Meeting are the following.

For Smithfield Amey Bartlett, Mercy Thayer, Louisa Cook, and Lucy B Aldrich.
Uxbridge - Rachel Basset, Anna Aldrich, & Elizath. Holbrook.
Bolton - Anna Aldrich & Matillda Earl.
Richmond Ruth Basset, & Betsey Harkness.

Being calld are present except Mercy Thayer, for whose absence a satisfactory reason hath been given.

This meeting is informed that our representatives to the Y. Meeting all attended. The queries & required answers have been read. A report from the Yearly Meeting informing that they have united with the alteration of holding our Quarterly Meeting hath been read - also the report of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School committee.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, New York, Ohio & Virginia have been read at this time we trust to our mutual edification.

Under a sence of divine regard we conclude, intending to meet at Northbridge in 11th mo. if permitted. .....

On behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah Shove. Clk. at this time.

Smithfield Quarterly Meetings Women Friends, held at Northbridge 11th of 11th month. 1824.

Representatives named in the accounts from our several Monthly Meetings are the following.

For Smithfield Sybil Chace, Mercy Thayer, Dolly Aldrich, & Lucinda Sherman.

Uxbridge Judith Aldrich, Rachel Farnum, Patience Earle & Mary Aldrich.

Bolton Hannah Wheeler, & Elizabeth Powers.

Richmond Hannah Sabin & Susannah Harkness.

Being call'd are present except those from Richmond, Sybil Chace, Rachel Farnum, & Hannah Wheeler; for whose absence satisfactory reasons has been given.

The queries & required answers have been read.

The committee appointed to ~~attend~~ visit our Monthly Meetings presented the following report, which is accepted.

To Smithfield Qr Meeting, next to be held at Northbridge

Dear Friends,

We your committe appointed to visit the Monthly Meetings report — that some of us have visited all, belonging to this Quarter, to a good degree of satisfaction; Notwithstanding there has been a prospect of the committee more generally attending those Meetings if way had opened — but considering the length of time we have been under the appointment, think best to offer this report.

Royal Southwick
Silas Earle
Josiah Shove
Jesse Batty
Moses Farnum

Patience Earle
Hannah Arnold
Mary B Allen
Alice Rathbone
Sarah Shove

Men's Meeting inform they have united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Rowland Rathborn to the station of an Elder, which has obtained the unity of this Meeting. Transcripts of Epistles, from the Yearly Meetings of Philidelphia, N. Carolina, Baltimore, & Indiana, also the London printed Epistle have been read to our encouragement.

Under a renewed sense of divine regard we conclude intending to meet at Smithfield in 2d month if permitted.

On behalf of the Meeting
Eunice Tilley } Clk

Smithfied Quarterly Meeting Women Friends
held at Smithfield 10th of 2d mo. 1825.

Representatives named in the accounts from our respective Monthly Meeting's are as follows.

For Smithfield Dolly Aldrich, Mary Batty, Lucinda Sherman, and Hannah Smith.
Uxbridge Hannah Arnold, Hannah Eddy, & Elizth Dennis.
Richmond Molly Randol & Lucy Wheeler.
Bolton Ruth Fry, and Lydia Bliss.

Being call'd are present except those from Richmond & Lydia Bliss, for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons hath been given.

The Queries & required answers have been read.

The Year having expired for which Eunice Tilley was appointed to serve as clerk & Ann L Buffum assistant; Hannah Arnold & Mary B Allen are appointed to confer with a couple of friends for the service and report to our next Qr Meeting.

Under a renewed sense of divine regard we conclude intending to meet at Northbridge in 5th mo. next if permitted. Eunice Tilley } Clk

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Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Women Friends,
held at North Bridge the 12th of 5th mo. 1825.

Representatives for Smithfield Mercy Thayer, Abigail Inman, Abigail Sherman & Rebecca Chace.
Uxbridge Sarah Shove, Hannah Arnold, & Rachel Earl.
Richmond Ruth Basset, & Susannah Basset.

Bolton Simey Fry & Elizabeth Badcock.

Being call'd are present except those from Richmond, who have sent satisfactory reasons for not attending.

The committee appointed on the subject of Clk & Assistant, are not ready to report.

The Queries & answers have been read, an account prepar'd to the yearly Meeting, which are to be forwarded by our representatives Mary B. Allen, Alice Rathbon, Sarah Shove sen^r. Lydia Gates & Ruth Fry. whom we appoint to attend the Y. Meeting and report to ~~the~~ our next Quarterly Meeting.

Ans. 1st All our Meetings have been attended except in a few instances; some small Meetings prevented by sickness & inclemency of weather, the hour nearly observed not much appearance of sleep, no other unbecoming behaviour observed.

Ans 2d Love & unity in a good degree maintaind, detraction mostly guarded against where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

Ans 3d Most friends endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness, & to discourage them from improper reading & conversation, are good examples herein themselves. the holy Scriptures are read in our families.

Ans 4th careful as it respects the several parts of this query; where there has been a departure care has been taken.

Ans 5th care has been taken to releive the poor, none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th There is a care amongst us that all proceedings with respect to Marriage be conformable to discipline, where deviations appear some care is taken.

Ans 7th Careful to support our testimony in the several parts of this query.

Ans. 8th No departure from a strict observance of this query is observed.

Ans 9th careful as it respects Records & certificates.

Answer 10th Care is extended to offenders, as the discipline requires, though not always as ~~the~~ seasonable as ~~the disci~~

would be best, & Judgment placed where it appears necessary.

On behalf of the Meeting.
Eunice Kelley } Clk for the day.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Women Friends, held at Bolton the 11th of 8th month 1825.

By accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, it appears the following friends were appointed to attend this Meeting, as representatives.

For Smithfield Mary Aldrich, Villa Cook, Mary Battey Lucy Aldrich
Uxbridge Mary Aldrich, Patience Earle & Rachel Farnum.
Richmond Ruth Basset & Phebe Allen.
Bolton Matilda Earle & Ruth Holder.

Being called are present, except Rachel Farnum & Mary Batty, for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons hath been given. The committee appointed propose Eunice Kelley to serve as Clerk, & Rachel Fry assistant, for the present year which is united with.

The Queries & required answers have been read. The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting inform they all attended.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Virginia, Baltimore, & Ohio, have been acceptably read at this time.

Men's Meeting inform they have appointed a committee to attend some of the Monthly Meetings constituting this Qr. particularly Richmond, this Meeting uniting with them therein we appoint Mary S. Allen, Alice Rathbun, Patience Earle & Lydia Gates, to join in that service & report to this Meeting.

Our beloved friend Ruth Davis from N. Bedford Mo. Meeting hath been with us at this time whose company & religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

On behalf of the Meeting.
Eunice Kelley } Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Women Friends held at Northbridge 10th of 11th month 1825.

Representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are. For Smithfield Amey Man, Elizabeth Smith, Sybil Chace
Louisa Cook & Abigail Sherman.
Uxbridge Rachel Basset, Hannah Fowler, & Susanna Farnum.
Richmond Anne Basset & Lucy Wheeler.
Bolton Ruth Felder & Olney Fry.

Being call'd are present except Anne Basset for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been given.

The queries & required answers have been read. The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to visit our Monthly Meetings having paid some attention to the business, report it their judgment that an addition be made to the committee, which being united with, they with Elizabeth Smith, Mary Buffum, Ruth Fry, & Sarah Harris of Northbridge are now appointed for one year to attend the Monthly Meetings of this Quarter particularly that of Richmond as often as they consistently can and afford such advice & counsel to the members thereof as truth may direct & their situations require.

Our esteemed friend Huldah Hoag attended this Meeting with a certificate from Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting, the clerks of Mens & Womens Meetings are directed to furnish her with an endorsement expressing that her company & religious labours have been truly acceptable.

Her companion Mehetable Austin with a minute from that Meeting, hath also been acceptably with us.

Our esteemed friend Sarah Emlin attended this Meeting with a certificate from Chester Mo. Meeting Pensylvania. the clerks of Mens & Womens Meetings are directed to furnish her with an endorsement expressing that her company & Gospel labours have been truly acceptable.

Her companion Esther Lewis with a minute from that Meeting hath been acceptably with us. Mens Meeting inform they have united with Bolton Mo. Meeting in the appointment of James A. Fry to the station of an Elder, which is united with in this Meeting.

On behalf of the Meeting

Eunice Kelley Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield 9th of 2d mo. 1826.

Representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are for Smithfield Rachel Jacobs, Mercy Thayer, Mary Battey, & Abigail Sherman.
Uxbridge Susanah Aldrich, Sarah Shove & Sarah Congdon.
Richmond Mary Allen & Molly Randal.
Bolton Ruth Fry & Lydia Gates.

Being call'd are present except two, who have forwarded satisfactory reasons for their absence.

The queries have been read, and the required answers.

Transcript of an Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting hath been acceptably read at this time.

On behalf of the Meeting.

Eunice Kelley Clk

Smithfield Qr. Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge in the 11th of 5th mo. 1826.

Received accounts with answers to the Queries from our respective Monthly Meetings
[illegible] named are as follows.
For Smithfield Abigail Sherman, Mercy Thayer,
Mary Battey, Lydia Stone & [illegible]
[illegible] Hannah [illegible]
Hannah [illegible] & [illegible]
Richmond Ruth Bassett & [illegible]
Bolton Catharine Smith, Mary Fry, & Lydia Wheeler.
Being call'd are present except two.
for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been given.
The Queries & answers have been read also an account to the yearly Meeting which are to be forwarded

by our friends [illegible] Rathbun, Mary [illegible]
Eunice Kelley Eliz.th [illegible]
[illegible]
& report to our next Quarterly Meeting. x

Our Beloved Friend Abigail Robinson of
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting hath been with us at this time,
[illegible] Religious services have been truly acceptable.
On behalf of the Meeting Eunice Kelley Clk

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Ans.t 1. All our Meetings have been kept up, except
[illegible]
[illegible]
observed, some appearance of sleep no other unbecoming
behaviour.

2.d Love & Unity are in a good degree maintain'd, detraction
mostly guarded against, care taken to end differences.

3. [illegible] Friends are concerned to bring up those under their care
in plainness, [illegible]
[illegible], the holy scriptures are frequently read in our families.

4. Friends are generally careful to avoid the unnecessary use of
spirituous liquors [illegible]
[illegible] moderation & temperance observed on other occasions.

5.th Care taken of the poor, none placed from amongst friends.

6.th generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be
conformable to discipline [illegible] care taken.

7.th we know not but clear in the several parts of this query.

8. No deviation from our testimony [illegible] appears.

9.th Care taken respecting Records & certificates.

10.th We believe care is taken to deal with offenders [illegible]
[illegible] after, & no place Judgment according to discipline.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends,
held at Bolton, on 10th of 8 month 1826.

Representatives named in the accounts from our Respective Monthly Meetings are as follow.

For Smithfield Mary Aldrich, Mary Battey, Alice Rathbun, and Eunice Kelley.
Uxbridge Mary Aldrich, Rachel Basset, & Phebe C Capron.
Richmond Phbe Allen & Ruth Basset.
Bolton Hannah Holder, & Mary Southwick.

Being called are present except one who forwarded a satisfactory Reason for her absence.

The Queries, & required answers have been read.

Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting inform they all attended. The London printed Epistle, with extracts from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting also transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & New York have been received & read. Our beloved friend Lydia Breed of Providence Monthly Meeting has been with us at this time whose company and religious labours have been truly acceptable.

The term having expired for which the Clerk & assistant have served this Meeting, Hannah Holder & Alice Rathbun are appointed to confer with a couple of friends for that service and report to our next Qr. Meeting.

On behalf of the Meeting
Eunice Kelley Clk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Northbridge on the 9th of 11th mo. 1826.

Received accounts with answers to the Queries from our respective Monthly Meetings.

Representatives therein named are as follows

For Smithfield Abigail Inman, Mercy Thayer Sybil [illegible] Sherman
Uxbridge Rachel Farnum, Ruth Earl & Huldah Arnold.
Richmond Phebe Allen & Susanna Basset.
Bolton Anna Aldrich & Hannah Holder.

Being called are present except Susanna Basset who sent a satisfactory reason for her absence.

The committee appointed propose Sarah B Shove for Clk, and Rachel Fry Jun.r Assistant; which being united with, they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year. The Queries & required answers have been read. Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore & Ohio, have been read at this time to our encouragement. The committee appointed in the eleventh Month last to visit Richmond & other Monthly Meetings made the following report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

Dear Friends, We of your committee appointed in the eleventh Month last to visit Richmond & other Monthly Meetings as way should open; have endeavour'd to attend to our appointment — and we whose names are here subscribed have all attended Richmond Mo: Meeting & most of us several times; labouring in the ability received to promote harmony & good order amongst them, and our endeavours appeared to be well received by most of them, & a disposition manifested to endeavour to unite & harmonize together as brethren: yet we think a continued care of this Meeting is still necessary towards them, and some others, which some of us has occasionally visited: which we submit to the Quarterly Meeting.

Alice Rathbun
Edward Foster
Elizbeth Smith
David Smith
Jonathan Fry
Daniel Clapp

Josiah Shove
Moses Aldrich
Jessey Batty.
Silas Earle
Arnold Aldrich
Rowland Rathbun
Mary Batty

We appoint Mercy Shove, Eunice Tilley, Mary [illegible], & Hannah Holder, to join the committee of Men Friends in a similar service, for the ensuing year.

Under a sense of divine regard we conclude intending to meet at Smithfield in 2d month if permitted.

Sarah B Shove Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield, 2d mo. 8th 1827.

Received accounts from our several Monthly Meetings Representatives named therein are from Smithfield; Mary Battey, Abigail Inman, Lydia Kelley, and Zilley Aldrich, from Uxbridge Sarah Congdon. Ruth Earle and Ruth Aldrich, from Richmond; Susannah Harkness and Phebe Allen,
From Bolton Rachel Fry jun. and Ruth Fry.
Being called are present except five satisfactory reasons given for the absence of two.
The Queries with answers to first, second, & tenth from each of our Monthly Meeting's have been read.
Transcripts of Epistles from Virginia, and North-Carolina Yearly Meeting's have been read at this time; the counsel therein contained hath been encourageing to many minds.

Under a renewed sense of Divine Regard, this Meeting concludes proposing to meet at Northbridge in the 5th mo. next if permitted.

Sarah B Shove Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo. ~~th.~~ 10th 1827.

Received accounts from each of ~~[illegible]~~ of our Monthly Meetings, Representatives therein named are from
Smithfield. Elizabeth Smith, Lydia Bloe, Eunice Kelley & Sybil Chase
Uxbridge. Patience Earle, Hannah Arnold & Hannah Inman,
Richmond. Martha Harkness and Mary Allen.
Bolton. Lydia Gates and Nancy Wheeler.
Being called are present except one.
Two of the Representatives who did not attend the last Quarterly Meeting, have sent satisfactory reasons for their absence. The Queries with answers from the several Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter have been read, and general answers prepared which with an account from this Meeting we forward by our

Friends Elizabeth Smith, Mary B Allen, Alice Rathbun, Rachel Fry jun and Elizabeth Bowen, whom we appoint to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Ans. 1st All our Meetings for Worship and discipline have been attended, excepting some small ones which were prevented by inclement weather, and generally by the greater part of our members the hour is nearly observed mostly preserved from sleeping, and other unbecoming behaviour.

Ans. 2d Love and unity generally maintained, detraction mostly guarded against, no differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3d There is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to guard them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and endeavour to be examplary themselves, the Holy Scriptures, are frequently read in most families.

Ans. 4th Friends are generally careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, and frequenting places of publick resort, temperance and moderation mostly observed on the account of births, Marriages, and on other occasions.

Ans. 5th The necessary care is taken of the poor, and those who appear likely to require assistance, and the education of their children attended to none placed from among Friends.

Ans. 6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with regard to Marriage be conformable to discipline.

Ans. 7th We believe friends are careful to maintain our testimony in the several requisitions of this Query.

Ans. 8th We know of no deficiency in either part of this Query.

Ans. 9th. Mostly careful as to records, care taken in regard to certificates.

Ans. 10th. We believe care is taken to deal with offenders measurably as the Query requires and to place judgment agreeably to discipline.

This Meeting concludes intending to meet at Bolton in the 8th. mo.th if permitted.

Sarah B Shove Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Bolton 8th. mo.th 9th. 1827.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are as follows,
from Smithfield Sybil Chase, Eunice Kelley, Ann L. Buffum, Mercy Smith & Lucinda Shearman. Uxbridge Mary Aldric
Hannah Earle, & Elizabeth Bowen.
Richmond Phebe Allen, and Ruth Basset.
Bolton Elizabeth Babcock & Amy Fry.

Who being called are present except two, who have sent satisfactory reasons for their absence.

This Meeting is informed that the representatives attended the Yearly-Meeting agreeable to appointment.

The queries with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

Transcripts of Epistles from London, Philadelphia, and New York, Yearly Meetings, containing much weighty counsel have been read to our satisfaction and encouragem

The report of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee has been read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting.

Under a solemn sense of Divine regard vouchsafed at this time, this Meeting concludes intending to meet at Northbridge in 11th mo.th if permitted.

On behalf of the Meeting

Sarah B. Shove Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held
at Northbridge 11th mo 8th 1827.

We have received accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings (except from Smithfield) the Representatives therein named are from Uxbridge Rachel Earle, Mary Aldrich, and Rachel Farnum Richmond, Ruth Basset & Mary Allen, being called are present except those from Richmond one of whom sent a reasonable excuse.

The Queries with answers to 1st 2d and 10th from from three of our Monthly Meetings have been read.

A transcript of an Epistle from Ohio Yearly Meeting has been acceptably read to our encouragement.

The year having expired for which Sarah B Shove was appointed Clerk, and Rachel Fry jun. assistant Alice Rathbone & Lydia Gates are appointed to have an opportunity with them and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

On behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah B Shove Clk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2d mo. 14th 1828

Received accounts with answers to the Queries from our several Monthly Meetings Representatives therein named are from Smithfield Mary Aldrich, Sybil Chase, Abigail Inman, Catharine Comstock, and Louisa Cook. Uxbridge Hannah Arnold, Mary Aldrich, and Susannah Aldrich, Richmond Thankful Cook, and Susannah Basset, Bolton Rachel Fry jun. and Amy Fry.

Being called are present except 4 three of whom have rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence.

One of the Friends named to confer with the Clerk and Assistant, having had an opportunity with them, propose their reappointment, which being united with in this Meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

This Meeting has been informed that the

difficulty of travelling at the time of our last Quarterly Meeting prevented the attendance of the Representatives from Smithfield Monthly Meeting who had the account in charge. The Queries with the three usual answers from each of the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter have been read.

An Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting containing much precious counsel has been read and it was to our edification & encouragement

This Meeting concludes proposing to meet at Northbridge in the 5th mo. next if permitted.

Sarah B Shove Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo. 8th 1828.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings have been presented, Representatives named therein are from Smithfield Arba Spear, Mary Battey, Lydia C Kelley, Abigail Shearman & Eunice Kelley, Uxbridge Sarah Shove, Elizabeth Bowen, Rachel Earle, and Hannah Arnold, Richmond Ruth Bassett, and Susannah Harkness Bolton Ruth Holder and Anna Aldrich. Present except one.

The Queries with the answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read; and general answers collected therefrom which with an account from this Meeting we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our Representatives, Lydia Gates, Rachel Earle, Elizabeth A Osborne, Lydia B Coe, and Alice Rathbone, whom we appoint to attend said Meeting and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The London printed Epistle has been received and read to our edification; also a transcript of one from Indiana has been acceptably read at this time.

This Meeting concludes proposing to meet at Bolton in the 8th mo. next if permitted.

On behalf of the Meeting Sarah B Shove Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo. 12th 1828. Received accounts from each of our Monthly Meetings, Representatives named therein are from Smithfield, Eunice Keeley, Dolley Aldrich, Mary Steere, and Elizabeth Smith. Uxbridge Rachel Earle, Elizabeth Holbrook, & Eleanor Joslin. Richmond, Joanna Allen, and Phebe Allen. Bolton Hannah Holder, and ~~Whittle~~ Dinah Kimmens, being called are present except three a satisfactory reason given for the absence of one.

The friends who did not attend our last Quarterly Meeting agreeable to appointment has now sent a satisfactory excuse. This Meeting is informed that the Representatives all attended the Yearly Mtg.

The Queries with the three usual answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

Transcripts of Epistles from London, Philadelphia, and New York have been received and acceptably read, an Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting, has been received, an important and highly interesting communication, which has been read, we trust, to our edification, we have also received at this time, printed minutes, extracted from the Yearly Meeting's minutes, containing advice to the subordinate Meetings which have been read.

The report of the Boarding School Committee having been read is satisfactory to this Meeting.

Under a grateful sense of Divine favour this Meeting concludes proposing to meet at Northbridge in 11th mo. if permitted.

Sarah B Shove Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11th mo. 13th 1828.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are from Smithfield Abigail Inman, Dolley Aldrich, Sybil Chace, Catharine

Comstock, and Hannah K. Aldrich; Uxbridge Judith Aldrich, Sarah Hall and Sarah Congdon; Richmond, Elizabeth Sweet, and Susannah Baſset; Bolton, Ruth Fry and Amy Fry, Being called are present except four satisfactory reasons given for the absence of two. The queries with answers to 1 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read, on the hearing of which as deficiencies were expreſsed particularly with regard to the attendance of our religious Meetings, much encouraging counsel hath been offered. Transcripts of Epistles from Ohio, North Carolina, and Virginia; Yearly Meetings have been read their contents has been acceptable and edifying.

This Meeting concludes proposing to meet at Smithfield in the 2d mo. next if permitted.

Sarah B Shore Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2d mo. 12th 1829.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been presented Representatives named therein, are from Smithfield Waity A Bartlett, Catharine Comstock, Mercy Coe and Sybil Chace, Uxbridge; Hannah Arnold, Elizabeth Brown, and Hannah Earle, Richmond, Susannah Baſset, and Ruth Randall, Bolton, Amey Fry, and Rachel Fry Jun.

Being called are present except three, two of whom have rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence. The Queries with the three usual answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read. A transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Indiana has been read at this time, and has been to our edification and encouragement. The time having expired for which the Clerk, and Aſsistant were appointed Mary B Allen, Hannah Arnold, and Amey Fry,

-are appointed, to confer with a couple of Friends suitable for the service, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Under an humbling sense of Divine Favour this Meeting concludes, intending to meet at Northbridge in 5th mo. next if permitted.

On behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah B Shove Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 14th 1829.

We have receive accounts from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this Quarter. The Representatives named therein are from Smithfield, Lydia B Coe, Abigail Freeman, Louisa Cook, Lucinda Sherman, and Mary Battey, Uxbridge, Rachel Earle, Judith Aldrich, and Susannah Aldrich, Richmond, Ruth Bassett and Ruth Randall, Belton, Hannah Holder, and Lydia Gates, being called are present except two one of whom has sent a satisfactory excuse for her absence.

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to confer with a couple of friends suitable for Clerks not being ready to make a full report, the subject is again left under their care.

Rachel Fry Jun. is appointed Clerk for the day and Lydia Chase Assistant.

The Queries with answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read, and general answers collected therefrom; which with an account from this Meeting, we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, by our Representatives, Mary B Allen, Louisa Cook, Hannah Arnold, Alice Rathbun, and Hannah Holder, whom we appoint to attend said Meeting and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed in the 11th mo. 1826. to join a committee appointed by the Mens Meeting, to visit Richmond & other Monthly Meetings, inform that way not opening for them to visit said Meeting at this time, they unite with a report forwarded by the Mens Committee, which is acceptable to this Meeting.

This Meeting unites with the Mens Meeting in a proposal from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, that their Mo. Meeting which has been held at Uxbridge in the 11th Mo. should for the future be held at Leicester at that time.

Under a renewed sense of Divine regard this Meeting concludes intending to meet again at Bolton in the 8th Mo. if permitted.

On behalf of the Meeting Rachel Fry Jun. Cl
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Ans 1st

Our meetings for worship and discipline have generally been kept up although frequently small and some small ones not attended on account of difficult travelling and inclement weather

Ans 2 Love and unity generally maintained detraction mostly guarded against; When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them

Ans 3 Friends generally careful to observe the particulars of this query

Ans 4th Friends are generally careful to avoid the ~~axe~~ of unnecessary use of spirituous liquors the frequenting places of publick resort and to observe moderation in other respects

Ans 5th We know of no particular neglect as respects this query

Ans 6th Mostly careful to observe the requisitions of this query

Ans 7th The particulars of this query are observed—

Ans 8 Friends generally endeavour to maintain their testimony in the particulars named in this query

Ans 9th Mostly careful respecting records and certificates

Ans 10th It appears that care has been taken to deal with offenders measurably as the query requires and to place judgement according to discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo. 13th 1829.

We have received accounts from our several Monthly Meetings. — Representatives named therein are from Smithfield; Eunice Holley, Mary Aldrich, Sarah Battey, & Abigail Shearman. Uxbridge Elizabeth Bowen, Rachel McCarte, Anna Aldrich & Sarah Shove. Richmond, Ruth Gaskel and Martha Harkness. Bolton Anna Aldrich, and Hannah Holder. Who being called are present except three, who have rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence.

The Committee appointed in 2d mo. last on the subject of Clerks, propose the reappointment of the former ones Sarah B. Shove for Clerk, and Rachel Fry Jun. Assistant, which being united with, they are appointed for the ensuing year.

This Meeting is informed that the Representatives attended the Yearly Meeting except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been given.

The Queries have been read with the three usual answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London Philadelphia & New York, containing much encouraging counsel have been read at this time we trust to edification.

Uxbridge Mo. Meeting forwarded information that they had appointed Sarah Clapp to the station of an Elder, which being considered in this Meeting is feelingly united with, but on account of Men Friends not being informed by that Mo. Meeting, it is deferred another Quarter.

The report of the Y. M. Boarding School Committee has been read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting.

Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting's minutes have been received and read, with a list of the names of — Correspondents from Baltimore, New York, Ohio, & Indiana, we have also received a minute from the Yearly Meeting which is to be inserted in our books of discipline, which has been read.

Under a sense of Divine favour this Meeting concludes proposing to meet at Northbridge in the 11th Mo. if permitted.

Sarah B Shove Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11th Mo. 12th 1829.

Accounts being present from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are from Smithfield, — Rachel Farnum, Dolley Aldrich, Eunice Kelley, and Sarah Battey, Uxbridge; Judith Aldrich, Patience Earle, and Susannah Farnum; Richmond Mary Allen, and Lucy Wheeler, Bolton, Ruth Fry, and Lydia Gates, Who being called are present except Mary Allen, and Lucy Wheeler who have offered satisfactory excuses for their absence.

The queries with answers to first, second, and tenth from each of our Mo Meetings have been read.

Our Esteemed friend Daniel Howland attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from East-Greenwich Mo. Meeting, whose company & religious services have been acceptable.

Our esteemed friend Thomas Anthony attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from East-Greenwich Monthly Meeting whose Company and religious services have been acceptable.

Men friends informed that they united with Uxbridge Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Sarah Clapp to the station of an Elder, and Patience Earle, is appointed to inform the select Meeting thereof and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Ohio, & Indiana, have been acceptably read at this time to our satisfaction & encouragement.

This Meeting concludes proposing to meet at Smithfield in 2d Mo. if permitted: Sarah B Shove Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2d mo. 11th 1836.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield Mercy Thayer, Elizabeth A Osborne, Sybil Chase & Abigail Shearman from Uxbridge, Sarah Congdon, Hannah Arnold, & Mary Aldrich 3d from Richmond Mary Allen, and Martha Harkness from Bolton, Amey Fry and Rachel Fry jun. Present except those from Richmond, who have sent satisfactory reasons for their absence.

The queries with answers to 1st 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read.

The Friend named to inform the select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Sarah Clapp to the station of an Elder, reports, that she has given the information.

A Transcript of an Epistle from Virginia Yearly Meeting has read to our satisfaction & encouragment

Under a sense of Divine favour this Meeting concludes intending to meet at Northbridge in the 5th Mo. if permitted. Sarah B Shove Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th Mo. 13th. 1830.

By accounts from the several Monthly Mtgs composing this Quarter — the Representatives are from Smithfield, — Lydia Stoe, Sybil Chase, Lucinda Shearman, and Catharine Comstock. — Uxbridge — Hannah Arnold, Susannah Farnum, Rachel Earle, and Hannah Inman; Richmond — Mary Allen, and Ruth Buffet, — Bolton, — Lydia Gates, Anna Aldrich, & Mary Southwick. Present except Mary Allen, who sent a satisfactory excuse.

The queries with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, have been read, and general answers collected therefrom which with an account from this Meeting we forward by our Representatives, Elizabeth Smith, Elizabeth Bowen, Ruth Fry, Ruth Earle, and Rachel Earle, whom we appoint to attend the Yearly Mtg and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Under a feeling sense of Divine regard, this Meeting concludes proposing to meet at Bolton in 8th. Month, if permitted.

In behalf of the Meeting Sarah Shove Clerk.

Ans. 1st. All our Meetings for religious Worship & discipline have been attended, (except a few small Meetings omitted on account of inclement weather) and generally by the greater part of Friends, still deficiencies are apparent with regard to this important duty — the hour nearly observed, — mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour.

2d. Love and unity generally maintained, detraction mostly guarded against. — no differences have come to our knowledge.

3d. Most friends are concerned to bring up those under their care, in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel, to guard and discourage them from improper reading, and conversation, and are mostly examples therein; The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families

4th Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine — the frequenting of places of publick resort — and to observe moderation in other respects.

5th Care has been extended to the poor, and their necessities relieved, — and also that children whose situation may require it should partake of learning, — none placed from amongst Friends.

6th Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are generally concerned that all proceedings with respect to Marriage be conformable to our discipline, — yet there have been a few instances of deviation, where care has been extended.

7th Friends endeavour to support their testimony as required

8th We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts, also punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and endeavour to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Mostly careful respecting records, care is taken in regard to certificates.

11th Care has been taken to deal with offenders seasonably as the query requires, — and judgment placed according to discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th Mo. 12th 1830.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being present (except from Uxbridge) Representatives named therein are from Smithfield — Mary Batley, Elizabeth Bowen — Lucia S Kelley, — Louisa B Cranston, & Mary Capron Uxbridge — — Richmond, — Freelove Lovell & Ruth Ramsdell Bolton, — Ruth Fry, and Nancy Wheeler.

Being called are present except two, one of whom sent a satisfactory excuse.

The Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, report their attendance, except Elizabeth Bowen who has given a satisfactory reason for her absence.

The queries with the required answers from three of our Monthly Meetings have been read.

Extracts from our last Yearly Meetings minutes, have been read at this time to our encouragement & edification.

The report of the Y. M. Boarding School Comtee has been read, and is satisfactory to this meeting.

Received from the Yearly Meeting the following Minute respecting the testimony, prepared by the general Committee, which met in Philadelphia, in 7th Mo. 1829. which has been read.

An Essay entitled "The Testimony of the Society of Friends on the American Continent," prepared by the General Committee, composed of Committees from all the Yearly Meetings in America, (which convened in Philadelphia in the 7th Mo. last) was read before our Meeting of Men and Women Friends, collectively assembled, and being deliberately considered, was cordially, unitedly, and fully approved, as embracing a concise declaration of the doctrines and testimonies which have always been held by our Society.

This Document having now been approved by all the Yearly Meetings of Friends in this country, the Clerk —

– was directed to add to this minute in the extracts to be sent down that the necessary arrangements have been made for printing it, and that the several Quarterly Meetings will be supplied, by the Meeting for Sufferings, with a sufficient number of copies to furnish one to each family of Friends within their respective limits.

We have received a minute which is to be inserted in our books of discipline,

Also a Transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in London which has been acceptably read. The year having expired for which Sarah B Shove was appointed Clerk and Rachel Fry jun. Assistant Clerk, Rachel Earle, Mary B Allen, & Alice Rathbun are appointed to confer with a couple of Friends they may judge suitable, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Under an humbling sense of Divine favour this Meeting concludes proposing to meet at Northbridge in the 11 Mo. if permitted.

Sarah B Shove Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11th Mo. 11th 1836.

By accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this are from Smithfield Sarah H Earle, Catharine Comstock, Rachel Farnum, & Abigail Shearman, Uxbridge Hetty L Wing, Patience Earle, and Mary S Capet Richmond Mary Allen, and Martha Harkness, Bolton Amy Fry and Lydia Gates. Present except 3 satisfactory excuses forwarded for the absence of two.

The Committee appointed to confer with persons for Clerks propose the reappointment of the former ones, which being concurred with, they are appointed for the ensuing year.

The queries with the three usual answers from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read, the answer to the first query from Richmond, with respect to remissness in not keeping up their Meetings has called forth the sympathy of Friends.

Our esteemed Friend John Wilbur attended this Meeting with a copy of minute from South-Kingston Monthly Meeting held 25th of 10th Mo. 1830. whose company and religious services have been acceptable.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly-Meetings of Philadelphia, and New York, have been read to our edification and encouragement.

Under a sense of Divine favour vouchsafed at this time, this Meeting concludes proposing to meet at Smithfield in 2d Mo. if permitted.

Sarah B Shove Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2d Mo. 11th 1831.

The Representatives to this Meeting are from Smithfield Rebekah Buffum, Eunice Kelley, Hannah R. Aldrich, and Louisa B Cranston — Uxbridge, Ruth R. King, Hannah Arnold, & Mary Aldrich — Richmond, Lydia Allen, and Martha Harkness — Bolton, Ruth Fry, & Rachel Fry jun Present except three, satisfactory reasons given for their absence.

The queries with answers to 1st 2d and 10th from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Indiana, Baltimore, & Virginia have been read at this time to our encouragement & edification.

Under a sense of Divine favour this Meeting concludes intending to meet at Northbridge in the 5th Mo. if permitted.

Sarah B Shove Clk.

[illegible] Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Uxbridge [illegible] 1831.

By accounts from our respective Mo. meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield [illegible] Catharine [illegible] [illegible] Uxbridge. Sarah Congdon [illegible] and Hannah [illegible] [illegible] and Hannah [illegible] Bolton [illegible] Fry and Rachel Fry jr. [illegible] present except [illegible] no reason given for the absence of two

The queries with answers from each of our Mo. meetings have been read and [illegible] which with an account from this meeting which we forward to the yearly meeting by our representatives [illegible] Mary B. Allen Sarah Shove [illegible] and Rachel Fry who are appointed to report their attendance next quarterly meeting

Our beloved friend Rachel Thornton with a copy of a minute from Creek Monthly Meeting State of New York attended this meeting whose company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute. Transcript of an Epistle from North Carolina has been read in this meeting to our encouragement. The clerk has presented the following lines to this meeting (Viz.) Expecting to remove out of the limits of this Quarterly meeting which will prevent my serving the meeting as clerk to the expiration of the year for which appointment stands I have forwarded the books and all the papers belonging to the meeting.

Sarah B. Shove

Whereupon this meeting appoints Elizabeth Smith Mary B. Allen and Patience Earle to confer with two friends suitable for clerks and report to our next quarterly meeting

Under a renewed sense of Divine regard we conclude intending to meet again at Bolton in the 8th month if permitted

Signed in behalf of the meeting

Rachel Fry jr. Asst clerk

Ans 1st All our meetings have been attended, excepting a few small meetings for worship and one for discipline not attended on account of inclemency of weather and difficulty of travelling and generally by the greater part of friends, yet a want of engagement in this important duty is still apparent, the hour nearly observed generally clear of sleeping or other unbecoming behaviour

2d Love and unity generally maintained, detraction mostly guarded against; when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them

3d There is an apparent concern in most friends who have the care of children to bring them up in plainness, to guard and restrain them from the corrupt conversation of the world, and improper reading, and to be good examples herein themselves, we believe the holy scriptures are frequently read in friends families

4th Friends generally careful to maintain their testimony in the several particulars named in this query.

5th It appears the circumstances of the poor have been inspected and their necessities relieved and the education of their children attended to, none placed from amongst friends

6th Friends generally concerned that all proceedings with respect to marriage are conformable to our discipline, where instances of disorderly marriages have occurred care has been taken

7th We believe friends are careful to maintain our testimony in the several requisitions of this query.

8th Mostly careful to observe the requisitions of this query

9th Generally careful respecting records and certificates

10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders measurably as the query requires and to place judgement according to discipline

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Bolton 8th Mo 11th 1831 By accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield Louisa Cook, Mary Pyson, Elizabeth H [illegible] and Lucy B. Aldrich. Uxbridge Sarah Shove, Phebe Baker, and Hepzibah Aldrich. Richmond Ruth Bassett and Ruth Randall. Bolton Nancy Wheeler and Olive Wheeler, being called are present except 3 all of whom have sent satisfactory excuses. The friends appointed last Quarter to confer with a couple of friends for clerks propose Rachel H Holder for clerk and Lydia Chase assistant clerk which being united with in this meeting they are appointed to that place one year

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly meeting report they attended. The queries with answers to the 1st 2d and 3d have been read in this meeting

Our beloved friends Mary Clisby and Rachel Gardner with copies of minutes from Nantucket Monthly Meeting attended this Meeting, their company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us, their being furnished with a minute is deferred until their services shall be accomplished

We have received the report of the boarding school committee which has been ~~read~~ acceptably read in this meeting; also extracts from our last yearly meeting, containing much precious counsel have been read we trust to our edification

Under an humbling sense of Divine regard we conclude intending to meet again at Northbridge in 11th mo. if permitted

Signed in behalf of the meeting
Rachel H Holder Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Northbridge 11th mo 10th 1831

By accounts from the several Mo meetings composing this quarter the representatives to this are from Smithfield Rachel Farnum Sybil Chase Catharine Comstock & Abigail Shearman Uxbridge. Rachel Earle, Sarah Shove, & Milly Aldrich Richmond. Freelove Lovett & Susannah Bassett. Bolton Elizabeth Babcock & Abigail Wheeler Present excepting 3 one of whom has sent a satisfactory excuse

The queries with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from each of our monthly meetings have been read the London printed Epistle also transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of London Philadelphia & New-York have been read to our encouragement

The following minute has been prepared and the clerk is directed to forward it to Nantucket Mo. meeting

Under an humbling sense of divine regard we conclude intending to meet again at Smithfield in the 2d Mo. if permitted

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Rachel F. Holder Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Smithfield 2d mo. 9th 1832

By accts from our respective Mo. meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield; Elizabeth H. Osborne, Sarah H. Earle, Eunice Kelly, and Sybil Chase Uxbridge; Hannah Arnold, Lydia B. Capron, and Milly Aldrich, Bolton; Ruth Fry, and Dinah Simmons, present excepting two one of whom has sent a satisfactory reason for her absence

The queries with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from all our Monthly meetings, excepting Richmond, have been read in this meeting, transcripts of Epistle from the Yearly meetings of Virginia, Baltimore, Ohio, and North Carolina, have been read at this time to our edification

Under a renewed sense of Divine regard we conclude intending to meet again at Northbridge in the 5th month if permitted

On behalf of the meeting Rachel F. Holder Clk

Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Northbridge 5th Mo. 10th 1832

By accounts from our several Mo. meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield; Mary Steere, Sarah A Aldrich Earle; Eunice Kelly, Mercy Thayer and Judith Hodges Uxbridge; Hannah Arnold, Elizabeth Bowen & Rachel Earle Richmond; Lucy Wheeler, & Mary Allen; Bolton Lydia Gates, & Anna Aldrich present excepting those from Richmond

The queries with answers from each of our Mo. meetings have been read, and general answers compiled therefrom, which with an account from this meeting, we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives Lydia Gates, Elizabeth Brown, Elizabeth A. Osborne, & Lois Cook, whom we appoint to attend the yearly meeting and report next quarterly meeting

The year having expired for which the clerks were appointed, this meeting appoints Ruth Fry, Rachel Earle, & Alice Rathbone to confer with some friends suitable for that place and report at our next Quarterly meeting

Under an humbling sense of Divine regard we conclude proposing to meet again at Bolton in the 8th Mo. if permitted

On behalf of the meeting Rachel F. Holder Clk

Ans 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, excepting a few small ones not attended by women on account of sickness and inclement weather, and generally by the greater part of friends, yet there is an evident deficiency in some in this important duty & the hour nearly observed. Friends mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour in meetings

Ans 2d Love and unity generally maintained amongst us, detraction mostly guarded against, care taken to end differences

Ans 3 Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to discourage them from reading pernicious books, and from adopting the corrupt conversation of the world; they endeavour to be exemplary herein themselves; the Holy scriptures are read in our families but not so frequent as would be best —

Ans 4th — Friends are generally careful to maintain the several requisitions of this query —

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor, and such as appear likely to need assistance have been inspected, their necessities relieved and the education of their children attended to, none placed from among friends, that we know of

Ans 6th Friends mostly careful that all proceedings in respect to marriage be conformable to discipline

Ans 7th Friends generally careful to maintain a faithful testimony in respect to the several parts of this query

Ans 8th We believe friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts generally punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts; and mostly careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th Friends are careful to have all their marriages recorded, births, deaths, and burials not sufficiently attended to, there are several removed from, and some living amongst us, without certificates. Care is taken

Ans 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably as the query requires, and to place judgement according to discipline

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Bolton 8th mo. 9th 1832

By accounts from our respective monthly meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield, Louisa B. Cranston, Mary Batty, Elizabeth Smith and Catharine Comstock; from Uxbridge Sarah Shove, Sarah Congdon and Rachel Earle; Richmond, Susannah Bassett and Lucy Wheeler; Bolton, Mary Southwick and Ruth Holder; present except one who sent a satisfactory reason for absence.

The friends appointed to name clerks to this meeting for the ensuing year propose Lydia E. Chase for clerk and Lydia B. Capron for assistant, with which this meeting unites.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the usual answers from our several monthly meetings.

The mens meeting inform that they have united with Smithfield monthly meeting in the appointment of John Osborn to the station of an Elder, with which we also unite

The report of the Boarding school committee has been acceptably read in this meeting. Extracts from the minutes of our yearly meeting & a transcript of an epistle from New York yearly meeting have been read to our edification and encouragement.

This meeting concludes, intending to meet again at Northbridge in the Eleventh month next, if permitted.

Lydia E. Chase - Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11 mo. 8th 1832

The representatives named in the accounts from the several monthly meetings, are for Smithfield, Eunice Kelley, Kezi Chase, Alice Rathbun, and Mary Payson; Uxbridge Rache Earle, Sarah Clapp and Sarah Congdon; Richmond Anna Bassett and Mary Allen; Bolton, Anna Aldrich and Mary B. Wheeler — present excepting two, who sent satisfactory reasons for absence —

The queries have been read in this meeting with the usua answers from each of our monthly meetings -

Transcripts of Epistles from our Sisters of London, Philadelphi Ohio and Indiana yearly meetings have been acceptably read at this time and are truly acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to forward copies to each of the monthly Meetings.

Under a sense of Divine regard this meeting conclud intending to meet again at Smithfield in the second month next, if permitted

Lydia E. Chase - Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield 2nd mo. 14th 1833

The representatives named in the accounts from our several monthly meetings, are from Smithfield, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Judith Hodges, Catharine Comstock and Sarah A. Thompson; Uxbridge, Hannah Arnold, Anna Bassett, and Milly Aldrich; Richmond, Ruth Randall and Susannah Bassett; Bolton, Lydia Wheeler and Olive Wheeler — present, except three — a satisfactory reason has been given for the absence of Susannah Bassett —

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the usual answers from our respective monthly Meetings —

Transcripts of Epistles from North Carolina and Virginia have been read, both of which have been acceptable to this meeting

This meeting concludes, intending to meet again at Northbridge in the fifth month next, if permitted —

Lydia B. Allen – assistant Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo. 9th 1833

We have received accounts from all our monthly meetings excepting Richmond; the representatives therein named, are, from Smithfield, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Catharine Comstock, Mary Payson and Mary Steer; Uxbridge, Lucretia Southwick, Ruth Earle and Hannah Arnold; Bolton, Amey Fry and Anna Aldrich — present, excepting Mary Payson; Milly Aldrich gave a satisfactory reason for her absence from the last quarterly meeting — The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the several monthly eetings from which accounts were received. From these we have compiled general answers to be forwarded to the yearly Meeting by our friends Hannah Holden, Alice Rathbun, Milly Aldrich, Sarah Clapp and Mary B. Allen whom we appoint as representatives to attend said meeting, and request to report at the next quarterly meeting

We have at this time had the company of our esteemed friend Hannah Chapman Backhouse whose gospel labours have been truly acceptable and encouraging to us — she produced a certificate from Darlington Monthly meeting, endorsed by Durham Quarterly Meeting; also, one from the yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in the 5th mo. 1830; the reading of which has been acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth King attended this meeting with a minute from Rhode Island monthly meeting held at Portsmouth the 25th of 4th month — Her company and Gospel labours have been very acceptable to us.

Our friend Eliza P. Kirkbride likewise attend this meeting as companion of Hannah C. Backhouse with a minute from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting — her company has been very acceptable to us

The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed, Alice Rathbun, Elizabeth Smith and Hannah Arnold are requested to confer with friends suitable for that service and report at our next quarterly meeting

This meeting concludes, intending to meet again at Bolton in the Eighth month next, if permitted

Lydia E. Chace — Clerk

Ans. 1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, (except a few small meetings for worship (not attended by women) and generally by the greater part of friends, still there is a manifest neglect in attending to this solemn duty in a number of our members, particularly in the middle of the week, some care taken; the hour nearly observed; mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour therein.

Ans. 2d Love and unity, are in a good degree maintained; detraction mostly guarded against; no differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3d Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and endeavor to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are generally exemplary herein themselves; The holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans. 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except for medicine. Taverns and places of public resort also avoided. Moderation and temperance are observed on the account of births, marriages, burials and other occasions.

Ans. 5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved, and their children partake of learning to fit them for business — One instance of placing a child from among friends —

Ans. 6th We believe that parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage are conformable to discipline; except a few instances of marrying out of society, where care has been taken —

ns. 7th We believe friends maintain a faithful testimony with respect to the several parts of this query, Ans. 8th Care is taken with accounts; punctuality is observed, and we believe that friends live within the bounds of their circumstances —

Ans. 9th Friends are careful to have their marriages recorded; births, deaths and burials not so strictly attended to, some deficiencies with respect to removal certificates; care taken —

Ans. 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders, measurably as the query requires, and to place judgment according to discipline —

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th Mo 8th 1833 —

The representatives named in the accounts from our several monthly meetings are from Smithfield Mary Aldrich & Lydia Cook, Mary [illegible] and [illegible] Buffum, from [illegible] Sarah Congdon, Rachel Cook, Milly Aldrich and [illegible] Barnett, Richmond Mary Allen and Susanna Barnett, Bolton Catharine Smith and [illegible] E. Palmer. Present except three, two of whom sent satisfactory reasons for their absence. Mary Parsons sent a satisfactory reason for her absence at last quarter.

The committee appointed to [illegible] friends for [illegible] report that they have not attended to the appointment. Rachel [illegible] is appointed clerk for the day, and Eliza Cook assistant.

The accounts from Richmond for last quarter have been [illegible] and read at this time. The queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 11th [illegible] several monthly meetings have been read in this meeting.

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report that they attended. Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, also an Epistle from London have been acceptably read in this meeting. [illegible] for our esteemed Friend Elizabeth Wing has been prepared by this meeting and the clerk directed to forward a copy to Rhode Island monthly meeting. The report of the boarding school committee has been read and accepted in this meeting.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Northbridge in 11 mo if permitted

Rachel S. Holder
Clerk for the day

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women fnds held at Northbridge 11th Mo. 14th 1833.

The representatives named in the accounts from the several monthly meetings are from Smithfield Anna L Buffum, Mercy Smith, Mary Sargoon & Hipha Southwick — from Richmond Thankful Cook & Mary Allen — from Bolton Hannah Holder & Lydia Gates — No account from Uxbridge. Representatives from those from which we have received accounts present except three one of whom has rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence.

The committee appointed in 5th mo. last to select friends for Clk & assistant to this meeting propose Lydia B. Capron for Clerk and Eliza Earle, assistant which being united with, they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1- 2- and 10- from those meetings from which accts have been received —

Our friend John Meader presented to this meeting a certificate from Berwick Mo. Meeting dated 18th of 10th mo. 1833 expressive of their unity with him in his present concern, which together with his company and gospel labours has been truly acceptable to us

Our fnd. Sarah Shove presented

a copy of a minute from Rochester Mo. Meeting bearing date 9 mo. 29th 1833 - Stating that she is a member in unity with them. Her company has been acceptable to us at this time.

An Epistle from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting has been acceptably read at this time - of which the Clerk is directed to forward transcripts to our several mo. Meetings. as also of those read at our last quarter and the extracts from the minut of our last Yearly Meeting —

Lydia R. Kelley is appointed to attend to the removal of the books from the former to the present Clk.

This Mg. concludes intending to meet again in second mo. next if permitted.

Eliza Earle
assistant Clk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2nd month 13th 1834.

We have received accounts from our several Mo. Mgs. - the representatives therein named are from Smithfield, Catharine Comstock and Olive Arnold.
Maria Buffum and Mary Battey.
Uxbridge, Hannah Arnold, Anna Bassett, & Huldah Aldrich.
Bolton, Olive Wheeler and Ruth Fry.
Richmond, Ruth Randall and Mary Allen.
Present, except Ruth Randall and Mary Allen.

The queries have been read in this meeting with the usual answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The account due from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting has been received, and read.

The friend, appointed to remove the books from the former to the present Clerk, report, that she has attended to the appointment.

Transcripts of Epistles from Baltimore, New York, and Ohio Yearly Meetings have been read to our encouragement and the Clerk is directed to forward copies of the same to our Monthly Meetings.

This meeting concludes, intending to meet again at Northbridge in the 5th month, if permitted.

Lydia B. Earle, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th month 8th 1834.

The representatives named in the accounts from the onthly Meetings are from

mithfield, Abigail Inman, Mary Payson, Mary Battey, & Eunice Kelley.
Uxbridge, Hannah Arnold, Anna Bassett, & Kitty L. Wing.
Bolton, Mary Southwick and Ruth Fry.
Richmond, Mary Allen and Lucy Wheeler.

Present, except Lucy Wheeler, who sent a satisfactory reason r her absence.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with nswers from all our Monthly Meetings, from which general nswers have been prepared, which, with our account, the Clerk directed to forward to the yearly Meeting by our representatives Alice Rathbun, Sarah Shove, Ruth Fry, Mary B. Allen, and Hannah Holder, who are requested to report their attendance our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our Friend Anna Macomber attended this meeting ith a copy of a minute from Westport Monthly Meeting, xpressive of their unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit in this and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings. er company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

Our Friend Eunice Gifford attended this meeting ith a copy of a minute from Westport Monthly Meeting, nforming, that she is a member in unity with them. r company has been acceptable to us.

Our Friend Isaac Lawrence attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, xpressive of their unity with him in his prospect. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Transcripts of Epistles from Virginia and Indiana Yearly Meetings, have been read to our edification.

This meeting concludes, intending to meet again t Bolton in the 8th month, if permitted.

Lydia B. Capron, Clerk.

Answers.

1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except a few small meetings for worship in the middle of the week, the non attendance of which was occasioned by sickness and inclement weather; yet there is an apparent deficiency in the attendance of week day meetings; the hour nearly observed; friends are mostly preserved from sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour observed.

2d Love and unity generally maintained; detraction mostly guarded against; no differences come to our knowledge.

3d We believe most friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech and apparel; generally careful to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conver

-sation of the world; generally good examples herein themselves; the Holy Scriptures frequently read in their families.

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to keep in true moderation and temperance on the account of births, marriages, burials, and on other occasions

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved. Care is taken, that their children partake of learning to fit them for business. One instance of placing a child from among friends.

6th We believe, that parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful, that all proceedings with respect to marriage are conformable to discipline.

7th We believe our testimony is maintained with respect to the several parts of this query.

8th Friends are generally careful respecting the settlement of accounts, and punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and endeavour to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Marriage certificates have all been recorded; deficiencies still exist with regard to births, deaths, and burials. There is also a deficiency with regard to removal certificates. Some care taken on these accounts.

10th A good degree of care has been taken to deal with offenders; and we believe judgment is placed when necessary in the authority of truth according to discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8mo 14-1834. By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are for

Smithfield, Louisa B. Cranston, Louisa Cook, Judith Hodges, and Mary Battey

Uxbridge, Sarah Shove, Rachel Earle, and Anna Bassett.

Bolton, Elizabeth Badcock, and Abigail Wheeler.

Richmond, Maria Harkness, and Lucy Wheeler.

All present, except Maria Harkness and Sarah Shove, who sent satisfactory reasons for their absence.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the answers required from all our Monthly Meetings.

This meeting is informed, that the representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended agreeably to appointment

Extracts from the minutes ~~from~~ of our Yearly Meeting and transcripts of Epistles from London & New York Yearly Meetings have been read; and we desire that the excellent advices contained in them may be so treasured in our minds as to [illegible] to our encouragement.

The reports of the Boarding School Committee and of a
mmittee of the Yearly Meeting on the subject of the
terary and religious instruction of the children of Friends
ave been acceptably read, and the Clerk is directed to
orward copies of them to the Monthly Meetings.

The time having expired for which the Clerks
ere appointed, Eunice Kelley and Hannah Holder
e requested to confer with persons for that service, and
report at our next Quarterly Meeting.

This meeting concludes, intending to meet again
t Northbridge in the 11th month if permitted

Lydia B. Capron Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women
friends held at Northbridge 11th Mo 13th 1834

The representatives from our Monthly
Meetings are from Smithfield Rachel Harmer
Hannah Aldrich, Alice Rathbone & Mary Sayles
Uxbridge - Hannah Inman, Anne Bassett,
Mary G Bassett & Rhoda Wheeler - Bolton,
Hannah Holder and Lydia Gates - Richmond,
Maria Harkness and Lucy Wheeler - present
all excepting those from Richmond.

The committee to propose frds. for clerk &
assistant report in favour of the reappoint-
ment of Lydia B Capron & Eliza Earle, which
is approved by the meeting and they are appointed
for one year.

The Queries have been read with
the required answers from all our Monthly Meetings

Transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia
North Carolina & Indiana Yearly Meetings,
fraught with instructive counsel have
been read, and the Clerk is directed to forward
copies to our Monthly Meetings -

Our friend Anna
Macomber attended our Quarterly Meeting in 5th
month last with a minute from Westport

Monthly Meeting, — her company and gospel lab
at that time, and at such meetings as she attended
within this Quarter were acceptable to us. - and the
Clk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our friend Hannah Dennis, a member of the Yearly
Meetings committee to visit subordinate
meetings, has been acceptably with us.

This meeting concludes intending to meet
again at Smithfield in 2nd Mo. next if permitted

Lydia B Capron Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women
friends held at Smithfield 2nd mo. 12-
1885. The representatives named in the
accts. from our respective monthly meetings
are from Smithfield Dollee Aldrich, Catharine Comstock, Ann L. Buffum, and
Mary Batty - Uxbridge Azubah Aldrich
Mary S. Bassett and Phebe Southwick
from Bolton Mary Southwick and Mary
A. Wheeler - Richmond, Mary ann
Allen and Martha Harkness -
present excepting those from Richmond - for the absence of Martha Harkness a satisfactory reason has been
rendered. The Queries with the three
required answers from all our
monthly meetings have been read.
The general Epistle from London of
1884, containing much interesting
and instructive advice, and an acceptable one from Baltimore Yearly Meeting have
been read. This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Northbridge in 5th
month next if permitted

Lydia B Capron

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of women frds held
t Northbridge 5th mo. 14 - 1835 -

The representatives to this meeting are from
S.d. Elizabeth A Ostome, Sarah Thompson, Louisa Cook
and Rachel Farnum
rom Uxbridge - Phebe Southwick Judith Aldrich
and Ruth Earle
rom Bolton - Anna Aldrich & Hannah Holder
present excepting Rachel Farnum for whose
absence a satisfactory reason has been rendered

No account from Richmond.

The Queries have been read with answers from
our Monthly Meetings except Richmond -
a summary of answers has been prepared
and approved which the clerk is directed
to forward, to the Yearly Meeting, with our
account by our representatives Ruth Earle
Ruth Fry, Sophia Taft, Mercy Thayer, Mary B.
Allen and Hannah Arnold, who are requested
to report their attendance at our next meeting

The Queries from our last Yearly Meeting to
ascertain the state of education amongst
us have again been read - answers thereto from
our respective Monthly Meetings have been
received read & approved - a condensed
account of which is directed to be prepared
by our men frds. signed by both Clerks &
forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

Having received no minute from Richmond
a concern has been expressed that we may
ontinue to feel sympathy with them on
ccount of the smallness of their number &
remote situation. with desires that help
& encouragement may be extended to
them, as way may open.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at
Bolton in 8th mo. next if permitted

J. B. Capron

General Answers.

Ans. 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except one Preparative, and a few small meetings for worship, and generally by the greater part of our members, yet not so constantly by some as is desirable - the hour nearly observed, not much appearance of sleep or other unbecoming behaviour therein.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity generally maintained amongst - detraction mostly guarded against - no differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans. 3d We believe friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world - mostly exemplary themselves, and we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families.

Ans. 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, to avoid places of public resort and to keep in ~~true~~ moderation on the account of births, marriages, burials, and on other occasions.

Ans. 5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved - the subject of education pretty well attended to. one child placed from among friends.

Ans 6th We believe that parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

Ans 7th We believe frds. are careful to support their testimony as the Duty requires.

Ans 8th
Friends are generally careful to inspect
eir affairs, and settle their accounts, punctual to
eir promises and just in the payment of their
ebts - and we believe careful to live within the bounds
their circumstances.

Ans 9th
Friends are generally careful in regard
records, some deficiencies with respect to
removal certificates, which are under notice.

Ans 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders measur-
ably as the Query requires and to place judgment
when necessary according to discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Bolton 8 month 18 1830

By accounts from our respective monthly
meetings, it appears the representatives are as
follows —
From Smithfield Dollee Aldrich, Louisa Cook, Mary
Steere and Mary Parson.
from Uxbridge, Mary S. Bassett, Ruth Earle, Sarah
Congdon and Lydia B. Capron.
om Bolton, Ruth Holder and Mary A Wheeler
" Richmond Ruth Randall and Freelove Lovet.
present excepting Dollee Aldrich and Freelove Lovet
both of whom sent satisfactory reasons for absence.

The Queries with the required answers
from all our Monthly Meetings have been read.

This meeting is informed that the representatives
to the Yearly Meeting, attended agreeably to appointment

Our esteemed friend Huldah Hoag attended
this meeting with a certificate from Ferrisburg
Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. Her company and

religious services have been truly acceptable to u
and the Clerk is directed to sign a minute, which has been prepared for her by our men friends.

Our esteemed friend Mead Atwater with a Certificate from Rochester Monthly Meeting endorsed by Le Ray Quarterly Meeting has been with us at this time - his company & gospel labors have been acceptable - also the company of his companion Richard Snell with a minute from Hartland Monthly Meeting.

The report of the Boarding School Commi
and that of the Yearly Meeting Committee on the subject of Education accompanied by two Queries to be answered by the different monthly meetings another year have been read, and are all acceptable to us.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and Epistles from Philadelphi and London Yearly Meetings, all containing much instructive and interesting advice have been read, & the Clerk is directed to forward copies to our respective Monthly meetings.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, Alice Rathbone & Patience Earle are requested to nominate persons for that servic at our next meeting.

Our Richmond friends have again claimed the attention of the meeting, and we recommend them to the continued sympathy and attention of our members.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Northbridge in 11th month next if permitted

Lydia B. Capron Clk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Northbridge 11th mo. 12th 1835

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings xcepting Richmond are present, and the representatives are as follows - viz.
from Smithfield Mary Steer, Mercy Smith, Judith Hodges
and Catharine Comstock
Uxbridge Abigail Fowler, Polly Southwick & Sarah Clapp
Bolton - Mary Southwick & Phebe Randall -
who being called are present excepting Mary Steer.

The frds. appointed to nominate persons for Clerk and Assistant report in favour of reappointing Lydia B. Capron & Elisa Earle which being approved, they are appointed for one year.

The Queries with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings, excepting Richmond have been read.

We have received a summary view of the information received by our last Yearly Meeting from the different Quarterly Meetings relative to the State of Education in our Society which has been read, and is acceptable.

A transcript of an Epistle from N York Yearly Meeting has been acceptably read
Our absent Richmond members have again claimed the attention of the meeting, with desires for their encouragement nd preservation.

This meeting concludes purposing to meet again at Smithfield n 2nd month if permitted

L B Capron Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Smithfield 2nd Month - 11th 1836

We have received accounts from our respective monthly
meetings and the representatives are as follows
from Sd. Waity A Bartlett, Sarah A. Thompson, Mary Payson
and Sophia Taft.

Uxbridge. Rachel Earle, Hannah Arnold, Milly Aldrich
and Elisabeth Dennis.

Bolton. Mary A. Wheeler & Ruth Fry.
Richmond Lucy Wheeler: present excepting four
one of whom sent a satisfactory reason for absence.

The minutes from Richmond due at our las
meeting have been received & read.

The Queries have been read with the required
answers from our several monthly meetings

Our friend Rowland Green attended this meeting
with a minute from Greenwich Monthly M.g.
his company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us also the company of our friend John
Wilbour with a minute from South Kingston
Monthly Meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from Baltimore
Virginia and Indiana have been read and
were acceptable.

Under a sense of Divine love and regard
extended to us at this time, this meeting
concludes intending to meet again at North-bridge in 5th mo. next if permitted

L. B. Capron. Clk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women
iends held at Northbridge 5 month 12 - 1836

The representatives named in the accounts from
r several Monthly Meetings are as follows,
om Smithfield Sophia Taft, Sarah A. Earle, Hannah
ldrich and Nabby Hodges.
Uxbridge, Ruth Earle, Anna Bassett & Phebe Southwick,
Bolton, Elisabeth W. Babcock & Hannah Holder.-
Richmond, Martha B. Harkness, & Lucy Wheeler.
resent excepting three, one of whom sent a satis-
actory reason for absence.

The Queries have been read with answers
hereto, from all our Monthly Meetings, from
hich a summary has been prepared, to
orward to the Yearly Meeting with our account
y our representatives Hannah Arnold,
ary B. Allen, Milly Aldrich, Hannah Hol-
der and Alice Rathbone, who are requested to report
heir attendance to our next meeting.

This meeting is informed that our men friends
have united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting
in the appoinment of Edward Foster to the
tation of an Elder, with which we unite.

Our esteemed friends, Mary Card & Anna Macom
er attended this meeting with copies of minutes
rom New-Bedford & Westport Monthly Meeting
Their company and religious services have been
cceptable to us
An Epistle of Counsel from London Yearly Meeting
o the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings of Great Brit-
ain and Ireland has been read to our encourage-
ment and edification.

This meeting concludes intending to meet
again at Bolton in 8th mo. if permitted.

General Answers

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except a few small meetings for worship, the neglect of which was occasioned by the inclemency of the weath and generally by the greater part of our member the hour nearly observed, mostly clear of sleeping - no other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

2nd " Love and unity are in a good degree maintain and detraction is mostly guarded against. when differences do arise, care is taken to end them.

3d Friends are generally concerned to bring up their children, and those under their care, in plainness, and to instruct them in the choice of books, also to guard them from the corrupt conversation of the world, and they endeavour to be good examples herein themselves. The holy scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families.

4th " The us of spirituous liquors is avoided, except for medicine. the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort (except in one instance which is under notice) moderation is also observed on the account of births, marriages, and other occasions

5th Care is taken to relieve those in necessitous circumstances - and their children partake of learning to fit them for business. None placed out from among friends, except in one instance where circumstances appeared to require it.

6th Parents and heads of families with the young nd unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage, be conformable to discipline - a few instances of keeping company nd marrying contrary to discipline, in which ases care has been extended.

7th Friends generally maintain their testimony ith respect to the several parts of this query.

8th We believe most friends are careful to inspect heir affairs, and to observe punctuality, also endeavo- to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th Marriage certificates are all recorded, births nd deaths not so fully attended to. A few removed rom and come amongst us without certificates hich are under notice.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders we believe measurably as queried, and to place judgment according ~~to discipline~~.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women friends
held at Bolton 8mo. 11 - 1836

The representatives from three of our respective
Monthly Meetings are from
Uxbridge, Rachel Earle, Sarah Congdon & Sarah Shove
Bolton Matilda Earle and Dinah Simmons
Richmond Lucy Wheeler and Martha B. Harkness.
present except Lucy Wheeler.
No account present Smithfield.

The Queries with the required answers from the Monthly Meetings from which we rec^d accts. have been read.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended with the exception of Hannah Arnold, who was prevented by sickne

Our esteemed friend Anna Macomber, with a minute from Westport Monthly Meeting attended our last Q. Meeting and most of the meetings within this Quarter, her company & gospel labors amongst us were acceptable and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our Esteemed friend Mary Card, with a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting attended our last Q. Meeting and most of the meetings within this Quarter, her company and gospel labors were acceptable to us - and the Clk. is directed to forward to her a copy of this minute

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, the Boarding School Report, and that of our Yearly Meeting Committee on the subject of Education generally, have been read and were acceptable

An interesting minute of Advice from the Yearly Meeting on the subject of perusing publications, purporting to be treatises upon the principles of ~~our~~ friends ~~Society~~, but which are unauthorized by the Socie and give unsound and unjust views of our principles which has been read, and is acceptable.

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired, Rachel Earle and Alice Rathbun are requested to confer with a couple of friends and report at our next meeting.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Northbridge in 11th mo. if permitted

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11 mo. 10 - 1836.

The representatives from our several Monthly Meetings are as follows. viz. from Smithfield Mercy Smith, Sarah A. Earle, Mary Payson and Diana C. Aldrich.
Uxbridge. Hannah Arnold, Elizabeth Bowen and Anna C. Colton.
Bolton. Anna Aldrich and Mary B. Wheeler.
Richmond. Abigail Emerson and Freelove Lovet.
present except those from Richmond one of whom sent a satisfactory reason for absence.

The committee to confer with friends for Clerk and Assistant propose Lydia B. Capron for Clerk and Ann L. Buffum for assistant which is united with and they appointed for one year.

The account due at our last Quarter from Smithfield has been received and read.

The queries with ~~the~~ required answers from all our Monthly meetings have been read.

An address from the Meeting for Sufferings of
ur Yearly Meeting to Friends and others on the
ubject of the introduction of Spirituous Liquors
nd Munitions of war into some of the Islands
the Pacific Ocean has been read and is accepta-
le — Also transcripts of Epistles from London, Bal-
imore and New-York Yearly Meetings have been
ad and ~~were~~ are acceptable.

This Meeting concludes intending to meet again
t Smithfield in 2nd mo if permitted.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2nd month 9th 1837.

By accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are, as follows - from Smithfield Elizabeth A. Osborne. Ruth Clemens. Anna C. Aldrich. Dolly Aldrich and Lydia K. Kelley. Uxbridge. Anne Bassett. Milly Aldrich and Lydia B. Capron Bolton. Mary A. Wheeler and Dinah Simmons. Richmond. Martha Harkness and Ruth A. Randall - present except those from Richmond and Dinah Simmons the latter of whom sent a satisfactory reason for absence.

The Queries with answers to the first, second and tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read and the deficiencies appearing in the answers have drawn forth many salutary remarks calculated to encourage us in the faithful performance of our several duties.

Our Esteemed friends John and Elizabeth Meader with certificates from Berwick Monthly Meeting have been with us at this time - their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

An Epistle of Counsel from London Yearly Meeting to its subordinate meetings fraught with instructive advice has been read and is acceptable: also a transcript of an Epistle from Virginia Yearly Meeting has been read at this time

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Northbridge in 5th mo next if permitted.

Lydia B Capron

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th Month 11th 1837.

The representatives named in the accounts from our Monthly Meetings are, from Smithfield Abigail Inman, Waity Kelly, Mary Purpoon and Elizabeth Smith.

bridge, Phebe Southwick, Anna Bassett, Ruth Earle
nd Sarah Clapp.
Bolton, Hannah Holder and Ruth Fry.
Richmond. Susannah Bassett, and Maria Harkness.
Present, except those from Richmond. Susannah Bassett sent a satisfactory reason for absence.

The Queries with answers from all our Monthly Meetings have been read, from which we have prepared a summary to forward to the Yearly Meeting with our account, by our representatives, Abigail Inman, Hannah Holder, Rhoda Wheeler, Mary B. Allen, Ruth Fry and Lydia B. Capron, who are requested to report their attendance to our next meeting.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Catharine Comstock to the station of an Elder, which being considered in this meeting, we unite with them in the appointment, having the concurrence of our men friends therein, and forward the information to our Yearly Meeting. Lydia Gates is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

The distant and lonely situation of our Richmond members, having from time to time claimed the sympathy of this meeting, and being informed that our men frds. are about to appoint a committee to visit their meetings as way may open, and give them such advice as in best wisdom they are capable of, we conclude to appoint the following friends to act with them in this important concern, viz. Mary B. Allen, Lydia Gates, Milly Aldrich, Rachel Holder, Sarah Clapp, & Ruth Fry, who are requested to report when ready.

A returning minute for our frds. John & Elizabeth Meader to be forwarded to Berwick Monthly Meeting, having been prepared in the mens meeting and approved in this, the Clerk is directed to sign it.

Transcripts of Epistles from Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina & Philadelphia Yearly Meetings have been read to our encouragement.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Bolton in 8th Month next if permitted.

Lydia B Capron

1st General Answers

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except four small meetings, the omission of which, was occasioned by sickness and inclemency of weather, and generally by a considerable portion of our members, yet we fear all are not enough engaged in regard to this important duty. The hour is nearly observed. Sleep and other unbecoming behaviour generally guarded against.

2nd Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us; and detraction is mostly guarded against where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

3d Most Friends are concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from improper reading and conversation - and to be good examples themselves: We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th We think the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine is avoided - also the frequenting of taverns and places of publick resort, moderation and temperance are observed, on account of births marriages, burials and on other occasions.

5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and their necessities relieved: their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business, none placed from among friends.

6th Parents and heads of families with the young & unmarried, are generally careful to observe this query.

7th Our testimonies are maintained, we think with respect to this query, by most of our members.

8th Friends mostly careful to settle their accounts, and fulfil their promises, and generally endeavour to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Care taken with respect to records and certificates

10th Care taken to deal with offenders measurably as queried - also to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Bolton 8 mo. 10 - 1837.

By accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives are as follows. from Smithfield Lydia B. Coe, Sophia Taft, Deborah Grover, and Eunice Kelley.
Uxbridge. Rachel Earle, Phebe Southwick, & Sarah Congdon
Bolton, Mary Southwick, and Sarah P. Wheeler
Richmond, Ruth Randell & Truelove Lovett.
present except Truelove Lovett.

The Queries with the required answers from all our Monthly Meetings have been read.

This meeting is informed that the representatives to the Yearly Meeting all attended.

The friend appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Catharine Comstock to the station of an Elder, reports that ~~she~~ has attended to her appointment.

Men friends handed in the following Minute from the Yearly Meeting which has been read

Yearly Meeting 6th Mo 183[illegible]
The proposal of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting for an alteration in ~~the~~ time of holding ~~their~~ Select Quarter when it occurs in ~~the~~ eighth month at Bolton - from the 11th hour to ~~the~~ 5th hour in the afternoon of ~~the~~ same day in which it is now held - was united with ~~and~~ they allowed to hold it as proposed after the present year
From the minutes of said Mtg - Abrm Sheapman Clerk

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and Transcripts of Epistles from London and New York Yearly Meetings have been read and are acceptable.

The Year having expired for which the

Clerks were appointed. Rachel Earle, Patience Earle and Catharine Comstock are requested to confer with persons for that service and report at our next meeting.

This meeting concludes, intending to meet again at Northbridge in 11 mo. next if permitted.

Lydia B. Capron

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11 month 9 - 1837

By accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives are as follows from
Smithfield - Ann L. Buffum, Sarah A. Earle, Diana C. Aldrich & Mary Steere.
Uxbridge = Phebe Baker Sarah Congdon & Azubah Aldrich
Bolton = Sarah P. Wheeler & Anna Aldrich
Richmond = Abigail Emerson & Lucy Wheeler - present excepting those from Richmond.

The committee appointed to confer with friends for Clerk and Assistant propose the reappointment of Lydia B. Capron and Ann L. Buffum which being approved by the meeting they are appointed for one year.

The Queries, with the three required answers from all our Monthly Meetings have been read.

We have at this time had the company of our friend James Jones, with a certificate from China Monthly Meeting - his company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us. also the company of his companion, Nathaniel Austin who presented a copy of a minute from the same Monthly Meeting.

The London General Epistle of the

present year has been read and is acceptable, also transcripts of Epistles from Ohio and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Sd in 2nd Mo. next if permitted.

Lydia B. Capron Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sd 2d Mo. 8 - 1838

By accounts from our respective Monthly meetings the representatives to this are as follows.
from Sd Abigail Inman, Eunice Kelley, Lucinda Shearman, Catharine Comstock, Diana C. Aldrich & Mary Steere.
Uxbridge = Mary G. Bassett - Ruth Earle & Phebe Southwick.
Bolton = Ruth Holder and Mary B. Wheeler.
Richmond = Maria Harkness and Ruth Randell.
present except those from Richmond & one from Sd

The Queries, with the three required answers from all our Monthly Meetings have been read.

Transcripts of Epistles from Baltimore, Virginia, and North Carolina Yearly Meetings have been read to our encouragement.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Northbridge in the fifth month next if permitted

L. B. Capron.

At Sd Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo. 10th 1838

The representatives named in the accounts from our respective monthly meetings are as follows from
Smithfield. Rachel Freeman. Eunice Kelly. Lucinda Shearman. Mary Steer and Lydia B. Coe.
Uxbridge, Sarah H. Earle. Anne Bassett. and Milly Aldrich

Bolton, Rachel S. Holder and Sarah P. Wheeler
Richmond. Ruth Randall and Lucy Wheeler present
except Rachel Freeman and Lucy Wheeler. A satisfactory
reason has been rendered for the absence of the former.
The Queries with answers from our several Monthly
Meetings have been read from which a summary has been
prepared to forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives
Sarah B. Allen, Phebe G. Aldrich, Ruth [illegible] and
Sarah H. Earle, who are requested to report their attendance
to our next Quarterly Meeting.

This meeting concludes intending to meet
again at Bolton in [illegible] next if permitted.

L. B. Capron

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of
Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo [illegible]
The representatives from our respective Monthly
Meetings are as follows, from
Smithfield Sarah B. Allen, Lydia Buffum, Mary Payson
Eunice Kelly, and Mary Steere.
Uxbridge. Phebe [illegible] Aldrich, Lydia E. Chace,
and Phebe Paul.
Bolton, Annie Wheeler, and Matilda Earle.
Richmond, Lucy Wheeler, and Susannah Bassett. present
except three all of whom forwarded satisfactory reasons
for their absence. The Queries with the usual answers
have been read at this time. This Meeting is informed
that the representatives attended the Yearly Meeting.
Interesting extracts from from the Yearly Meetings
of Men and Women Friends have been read at this
time which were encouraging and satisfactory to this
meeting. Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings
of Philadelphia and North Carolina have also been read
at this time to our encouragement.

This meeting is informed that the committee appointed in 5 mo. 1837 to visit Richmond mo. meeting, have paid some attention to the subject, and a part of the committ have visited that meeting - but not being prepared to ma a full report, the subject is continued under their care.

The time having expired for which Lydia B. Capron and Ann D. Buffum were appointed to serve this meeting as clerk and assistant - Mary B. Allen Patience Earle + Ruth Fry are appointed to consult suitable friends for the service and propose to our next Quarterly meeting.

The meeting concludes. intending to meet again at Northbridge in 11 mo. next if permi

L.B. Capron

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Northbrid
11th mo. 8th 1838—

By accounts from our respective monthly meetings, the representatives are as follows, from
Sfd. Phisby Andrews, Louisa Cook, Mary Payson + Sarah Thompson
Ux. Polly Southwick, Sarah Congdon, Hannah Dennis + Anna B
Bolton - Eleanor Fry and Ruth Holder.
Richmond = Ruth Randall + Mary Allen ——
present except Mary Allen, for whose absence, a satisfactory reason has been rendered.

The committee to whom was referred the care of proposing frds. for clerk and assistant not being ready to report, the subject is referred under their care, until our next meeting.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d + 10th Queries from all our Monthly Meetings have been read.

Bolton Monthly Meeting informs that it has united with the select meeting in the appointment of Ruth Holder to the station of an Elder - with which we unite, having the concurrence of men frds. therein. Catharine Comstock is requested to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

Transcripts of Epistles from London New York, + Ohio Yea meetings have been read and are acceptable.

We conclude purposing to meet again at Ux. in 2nd month if permitted.

L. B. Capron

At Ux. Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ux. 14 of 2nd Mo. 1837.

The representatives named in the accounts from our respective Monthly meetings are as follows from

Ux. Hannah Arnold, Catharine Comstock Lucy G. Payson and Mary Steer.

Nx. Anna E Colton, Phebe Southwick, Polly Southwick and Lydia B. Capron

Bolton, Sarah P. Wheeler + Ruth Fry.

Richmond: Mary Allen + Susannah Bassett.

All present except those from Richmond and Catharine Comstock - a satisfactory reason has been rendered for the absence of Catharine Comstock

The committee on the subject of Clerks report in favour of the reappointment of L. B. Capron and Ann L. Buffum which is approved by the meeting and they appointed for one year.

We are informed that the select Quarterly Meeting has received notice of the appointment of Ruth Holder to the station of Elder. The company and gospel labours of our frd. Ann D. Wing, who presented a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting have been acceptable to us – her companion Mary Shove from Swansey Monthly Meeting has also been acceptably with us at this time.

Transcripts of Epistles from Indiana + Virginia Yearly Meetings have been read to our encouragement.

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Northbridge in the 5th month next if permitted.

L. B. Capron

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbri
5 month 9 - 1839 -

The representatives named in the accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows

from Sd Hannah Arnold, Maria Buffum, Husby Andrews
and Diana C. Aldrich
" Uxbridge Cella Southwick, Sarah Congdon Sarah Clapp
and Anna Bassett.
Bolton. Rachel H. Holder and Ruth Holder
Richmond Ruth Randall and Lucy Wheeler. -
present except those from Richmond -

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings - from which the following summary has been prepared to forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives, Rachel Earle, Mary B. Allen, Sarah Clapp, Lydia R. H and Lydia B. Capron, who are requested to report their attendance to our next meeting.

The company and gospel labours of our beloved frie Anna A. Jenkins, who presented a copy of a minute from Providence Monthly Meeting, have been acceptable to us

This meeting concludes intending to meet again at Bolton in the 8th Mo. if permitted.

Lydia B. Capron

Answers to the Queries.

1st - All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except four small meetings, not attended by women - and generally by the greater part of our members, although there is an apparent remisne in some with regard to this important duty - the hour is nearly observed - mostly preserved from sleeping - no other unbecoming behaviour noticed in our meetings -

2nd Love and unity are in a good degree maintained; detraction mostly guarded against, and where any differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

ns 3d. most friends are careful to bring up those under their are in plainness - to restrain them from reading pernicious ooks, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, while thers are not so careful in these respects as the discipline equires - friends are generally exemplary herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends amilies.

ns. 4th. We know of none who partake of ardent spirits except for medic that frequent taverns or places of public resort - moderation nd temperance generally observed on account of births marriag urials and on other occasions.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessitie elieved, their children freely partake of learning to fit them for usiness - they and other friends children are placed among friend

th. We believe that parents and heads of families with the young nd unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with espect to marriage be conformable to discipline - some insta es of keeping company and marrying contrary to the order of society herein care has been taken -

th. We believe our testimony is maintained with respect to the several arts of this Query -

th. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle heir accounts. We believe they are punctual to their promises nd just in the payment of their debts - and careful to live with n the bounds of their circumstances.

th. Care is taken in regard to records, several cases of removal rom us without certificates, where care has been extended

th. We believe friends are generally careful to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, and to place judgments when necessary according to discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8 mo. 8 - 1839

By accounts from our respective Monthly Meet
it appears the representatives are as follows
from Sd. Elizabeth A. Osborne, Rachel Farnum, Eunice Kelley & Susan Gas
Uxbridge Lydia S. Chase Sarah Clapp Sarah Congdon & Mary S. Bassett
Bolton. Elizabeth Badcock & Hannah Watson.
Richmond - Ruth Randall, Susannah Bassett & Abigail Emerson.

present except two from Richmond, ~~and~~ Sarah Clapp & Eunice Kelley the latter sent a satisfactory reason for absence.

A certificate from Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting Liverpool, endorsed by Lancashire Quarterly Meeting, - and one from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, on behalf of our friend Elizabeth Robson, expressing much unity and sympathy with her in the gospel respect of her present arduous engagem have been read and are acceptable. The company and gospel labours of this our dear friend have been truly acceptable and we trust profitable to us at this time.

A certificate from the same Monthly Meeting, on behalf of our friend Thomas Robson has also been read which, with his company is acceptable.

The company and religious services of our esteemed frd. Joseph Edgerton and the company of his companion Wm. Dewees both from the state of Ohio have been acceptable to us. The former presented a certificate from Somersett Monthly Meeting Belmont Co. & ~~the~~ latter one from the Monthly Meeting of Chesterfield, expressive of their unity with them in their present engagement.

We are informed that the representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended.
The Queries with the usual answers from our Monthly Meetings have been read.

The report of Boarding School committee, to which is appended the Circular of 1835 in regard to the observance of plainness amongst the scholars, and an Epistle from our Yearly Meeting have been read and are acceptable.

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins, who was acceptably at our last Quarterly Meeting, has since attended several

etings within our limits, in which her company and Religious
rvices have been acceptable – The clerk is directed to furnish
r with a copy of this minute.

The committee appointed in 1837 to visit Richmond, report;
hat a part of them have visited that meeting, and several
ndividuals, and extended such labor, as seemed necessary
and way opened for, – and they are united in believing, that
urther care from this meeting is necessary – upon considering
hich, we appoint Mary B. Allen, Patience Earle, Catharine Com-
stock, Hannah Holder, Rachel Earle, Rachel Holder + Ruth Fry,
o join a committee of men friends in visiting that meeting,
and extending such help to individuals thereof, as the case
may require and they be be able to render – they are
requested to report to this meeting when ready.

A Transcript of a lively and interesting Epistle from
London Yearly Meeting has been read to our satisfaction

This meeting concludes, intending to meet again at
Northbridge in the 11th mo. if permitted.

Lydia B. Capron Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held
at Northbridge 11mo. 14th 1839.

The representatives to this meeting are from
Sm. Mercy Smith, Dianna C. Aldrich, Lucy Farnum and
Sarah A. Earle.
Uxbridge = Phebe T. Marsh, Phebe Pond, Elizabeth Bowen
Lydia E Chase and Susan L. Clapp.
Bolton = Ruth Fry, and Hannah Holder
Richmond = Mary Allen and Thankful Cook. all present.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland attended this meeting, with a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, held 24th of 10th mo. 1839 – her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.
The clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The Queries with the required answers from all our Monthly Meetings have been read.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting informs, that they have appointed Phebe T. Marsh to the Station of an

Elder, with which this meeting unites, having the concurre
of our men friends therein. Sarah Clapp is appointe
to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof, and report
at our next meeting.

The time having expired for
which the clerks were appointed, Catharine Com-
-stock and Hannah Holder are requested to confer
with suitable friends for that service, and propose
to our next meeting.

This meeting adjourns, to meet again at Sd. in
2nd month next, if permitted.

Lydia B. Capron

At R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Sd.
2nd mo. 13. 1840–

The representatives from our respective Monthly
Meetings are as follows from
Sd. Dollee Aldrich, Maria Buffum, Amy C. Kelly
and Waity Hoover.
Ux. Milly Aldrich, Anna Bassett, & Ann B. Cart
Bolton – Sarah P. Wheeler and Ruth Holder – present
except Ruth Holder. No acct. from Richmond

The friends appointed on the subject of clerks,
propose the reappointment of Lydia B. Capron and
Ann L. Buffum – which being satisfactory to the
meeting they are appointed for one year.

The Queries, with the required answers from
our Monthly Meetings have been read.

Sarah Clapp reports that she has informed
the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of
Phebe S. Marsh to the station of an Elder.

We have had the acceptable company of
several frds. from neighboring Quarterly Meetings,
three of whom viz. Anna A. Jenkins Lydia Bird &
Elizabeth Meader are members of the Yearly Meetings Comm
-ttee. their gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

The London general Epistle of last year has been received
and read to our edification. Under a sense of Divine
regard, this meeting concludes, intending to meet again in the
5th mo. next if permitted.

L. B. Capron.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Northbridge 5 mo. 14th 1826.

The representatives to this meeting are from
Smithfield - Abigail Inman, Susan Gaskell, Lucy B. Aldrich,
Catharine Comstock, and Hannah Arnold.

Uxbridge - Rachel Earle, Elizabeth Bowen and Anna Bassett.

Bolton - Lydia Gates and Mary A. Wheeler.

Richmond - Lucy Wheeler and Ruth Randall.

All present except Ruth Randall, who sent a satisfactory reason for absence.

The Queries, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read, and general Answers prepared therefrom, to forward to the Yearly Meeting, by our representatives Hannah Arnold, Phebe P. Marsh, Mary B. Allen, Ruth Fry, and Susannah Gaskell, who are requested to report their attendance to our next meeting.

Our Esteemed friend Charles Osborne from Indiana has been with us at this time - he presented a certificate from Springfield Monthly Meeting Wayne County, endorsed by White Water Quarterly Meeting, which, with his company and gospel labors has been acceptable to us.

His companion George Evans presented a minute from the same Monthly Meeting - his company has also been acceptable.

This meeting concludes, intending to meet again at Bolton in the 8 mo. next if permitted.

L. B. Capron

Answers to the Queries 1840.

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except in two of our Monthly Meetings, some have not been attended by Women, on account of indisposition, inclement weather, and the impassable state of the roads.

The greater part of our members generally attend meetings - yet we have to acknowledge that there are some amongst us who are deficient in regard to this duty.

The hour is nearly observed - not much appearance of sleep or other unbecoming behaviour in our meetings.

2nd Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, detraction mostly guarded against. Care remains to end differences.

3rd Friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness - likewise to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world. generally exemplary themselves - we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th We believe the use of spirituous liquors is avoided except for medicine. we know of none who frequent places of public resort. moderation and temperance generally observed on account of births, marriages burials and on other occasions

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved - their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business - none placed from amongst friends.

Ans. 6th We believe that parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline. where it has been otherwise care has been taken.

7th Our testimony is generally maintained with respect to the several parts of this query.

8th Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and endeavour to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Care is taken with regard to records and certificates.

10th We endeavour to deal with offenders as required by the Query. and to place judgment where it appears necessary according to discipline.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo. 13th 1840.

The representatives to this meeting are as follows, viz.

Sm. Lydia B. Coe, Ruth M. Battey, Thisby Andrews, and Catharine Comstock.
Uxbridge, Mary L. Bassett, Phebe S. Marsh, Sarah H. Earle and Lydia B. Capron.
Bolton, Amy Fry and Hannah Watson.
Richmond, Mary Allen and Abigail Emerson.

All present excepting two, one of whom was detained by sickness.

We are informed that the representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended, with the exception of Susannah Gaskell, who was prevented by sickness in her family.

The Queries, with the three usual answers, have been read.

This meeting is informed that committee appointed last year to visit Richmond Monthly Meeting, is not ready to make a full report, and the subject is referred for further consideration.

Our Esteemed friends, Edward Gove and Moses Huntingdon attended this meeting with Certificates from Seabrook Monthly Meeting - their company, and gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

An Epistle from our Womens Yearly Meeting, the report of the Boarding School committee, and Transcripts of Epistles from Indiana, Philadelphia, North Carolina and New York Yearly Meetings, have been received and read at this time to our encouragement.

We adjourn, purposing to meet in the 11th mo. next, at Northbridge, if permitted.

L. B. Capron

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at
Northbridge 11th Mo. 12th 1840.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears the representatives are as follows. viz.
from Sd. Maria Buffum, Lucy B. Aldrich, Eunice Kelley,
and Lydia R. Kelley.
Uxbridge – Phebe Baker, Patience Earle, & Lydia B. Capron.
Bolton – Amy Fry, and Mary B. Wheeler.
Richmond. Ruth Randall & Lucy Wheeler.
present except those from Richmond & Patience Earle.

The Queries, with the three required answers, from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

The London General Epistle and Transcripts from Ohio & Virginia Yearly Meetings have been received & read, all of which are acceptable.

This meeting concludes, purposing to meet at Sd. in the 2nd Month next, if permitted.
Lydia B. Capron.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sd. 2nd Mo. 11th 1841

The representatives to this meeting as named in the accounts from three of our Monthly Meetings are as follows
Sd. = Mary Payson, Susan Gaskell, Ruth M. Battey &
Amy C. Kelley.
Uxbridge = Ann B. Earle, Phebe T. Marsh, Azubah Aldrich
& Phebe Pond.
Bolton = Sarah P. Wheeler & Mary B. Wheeler.
present except two; one of whom sent a satisfactory reason for absence.

The Queries, with the three required answers from our Monthly Meetings, excepting Richmond, have been read.

Our beloved friend Mary B. Allen opened in this meeting a prospect, which has for a considerable time rested with weight upon her mind, of attending the approaching Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, and some meetings within the limits thereof — also of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Virginia, if way opened some meetings belonging thereto — which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, unity & sympathy with her in the prospect have been feelingly expressed, and she left at liberty to pursue the same as truth may direct — with desires for her preservation, & safe return with the reward of peace.

A certificate of concurrence prepared for her by Sd Mo. Meeting has been presented & read; and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement prepared by our men friends to be placed thereon.

Our esteemed friend Sophronia Page, with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting, has been with us at this time — her company & gospel labours have been acceptable.

We have also had the company of our esteemed friends Anna A. Jenkins and Elizabeth Meader from Providence Monthly Meeting whose gospel labors have been acceptable & encouraging to us.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having expired, Catharine Comstock & Hannah Arnold are requested to confer with individuals for that service and report at our next meeting.

Under a sense of the continued extensions of Divine love, this meeting concludes, proposing to meet again at Southbridge in the 5th month if so permitted.

Lydia B. Capron.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th Mo 13th 1841.—

The representatives named in the accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows - from Smithfield Mary Steere Mercy Aldrich Hannah Arnold Judith Hodges and Lydia R. Kelley - Uxbridge Sarah Clapp Anna Bassett Sarah H. Earle and Phebe T. Marsh - Bolton Rachel H. Holder and Ruth Fry - Richmond Mary Allen and Ruth Randall. Present except Mary Allen.—

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been prepared to forward to the yearly Meeting by our representatives Catharine Comstock Lydia C. Chase Lydia R. Kelley Abigail Inman and Rachel H. Holder who are requested to report their attendance to our next monthly Meetg.—

The friends appointed to propose names for Clerks not being prepared to present them the subject is continued under their care until another Quarterly Meetg.—

The following minute has been prepared for our friend Sophronia Page and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy thereof.

This meeting concludes - intending to meet at Bolton in 8 Mo next if permitted.—

Ann L Buffum Asst Clk

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipl have been attended except a few small meetings the non attenance of which was occasioned by the indisposition of some of the members inclement weather and in one or two cases to the impassable state of the roads – those on first days by a considerable portion of our members – Mid-week meetings frequently small.– The hour nearly observed.— Not much appear of sleep, or other unbecoming behaviour noticed therein

2d Love and unity mostly maintained.– We believe Friends generally endeavour to guard against detraction – where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.—

3d We believe most Friends endeavour to bring up tho under their care in plainness; to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation; and endeavour to be examplary herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.—

4th We believe the use of spirituous liquors is avoid except for medicine; the frequenting of taverns and plac of public resort also avoided. Moderation and temperance are generally observed on account of births, marriag burials, and on other occasions.—

5th Care taken for the relief of the poor. The education of children attended to.— None placed from among Friends.—

6th Parents and heads of families with the you and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedin with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.—

7th We believe Friends are careful to maintain our testimony with respect to the several parts of this query

8th Friends are generally careful to observe the severa parts of this query.—

9th We believe Friends are careful as to records Some deficiency in regard to certificates.—

Care is taken to deal with offenders measurab as queried after; and to place judgment when necessary according to Discipline.—

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting

Answers to the Queries

~~All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except a few small meetings th non-attendance of which was occasioned by the indisposition of some of the members inclement weather and in some case the impassable state of the roads. Those on first days genera by a considerable portion of our members. Midweek meeting frequently small — the hour nearly observed. — Not much~~

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held a Bolton 8 mo 12th 1841. —

From the accounts received from our several ~~monthly~~ meetings the representative therein named are as follows — from Smithfield Thisby Andrews, Hannah R Aldrich, Ma Payson Lucy Farnum, an Lydia R. Kelley. Uxbridge Polly Southwick, Sarah Clapp, Mary Ann Hathaway, and Lydia B Capron. Bolton Lydia Gates, and Mary Southwick. Richmon Susannah Bassett and Eunice Brewer. Who being called are present except three ...

The Queries with the usual answers have been read at this time.

This meetg is informed that the representatives attended the Yearly Meetg. —

Our beloved friend Mary B Allen returned th endorsement granted her by this meetg in 2d mo last with information that "through" Divine assistance she had been enabled to attend to her prospect very much to the peace ~~of~~ and satisfaction of her own mind. She also presented an endorsement from the Yearly meetg of Virginia held at Cedar Creek from the 17th of 5 mo to the 19th of the same 1841. — All of which is satisfactory to this meetg. —

*wrong Sarah H. Earle is appointed to remove the Books from the former to the present Clerk.

The Committee appointed to select Clerks, propose Ann L Buffum for Clk. and Lydia C Chase for assistant the ensuing year*

Bolton Mo meety inform that they unite with the appointment of Ruth Fry to the station of an Elder with which this meety having the concurrence of our men friends herein unite. Sarah Clapp is appointed to inform the select meeting thereof and report to our next quarterly meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit Richmond mo meeting presented the following report which is acceptable and after considering the subject it is thought best to appoint a comt to join our men friends in further service in that meety and to consider the propriety of its continuing to be a mo meety if way should open therefor and appoint Mary B. Allen Ruth Fry Ruth Earle Sarah Clapp Lydia R. Kelley Rachel F. Holder Elizabeth A. Osborne Catherine Comstock and Polly Southwick who are requested to report to this meety when they shall have attended to what in Best wisdom seems required at their hands. —

The Committee appointed to visit Richmond Mo meeting have paid some attention to the subject of their appointment, and several of the members at different times have visited that meeting and laboured for the removal of the difficulties existing there, as way has opened; and we trust that usefulness has resulted therefrom. But, under the existing state of things in that meeting, we are unitedly of opinion, that the further care of the Quarterly Meeting is necessary.

Bolton 8 Mo 12th 1841

Silas Earle
Ruth Fry
in behalf of the Committee

Our men Friends inform, that they have concurred with Uxbridge mo meety in the appointment of Richard Batty to the Station of an Elder with which we unite

Extracts from our yearly meetings minutes with a transcript from New York yearly meety have been read at this time to our edification.

This meeting concludes intending to meet at Northbridge in 11th Mo next if permitted.—

Ann L. Buffum Cl

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Northbridge 11th Mo 11th 1841.—

The representatives from our respective mont meetings are from Smithfield Abigail Inman Susan Gaskill Alice Rathbun and Mary Steere. Uxbridge Phe S. Marsh Polly Southwick and Lydia B. Capron. Bolt Lydia Gates and Sarah P. Wheeler. Richmond Mary Allen and Sarah Randall. Present except those from Richmond who sent satisfactory reasons for their absence

The queries with answers to the usual three have been read at this time.

Our friend Moses H. Beede attended this meeting with a copy of minute from Rhode Island monthly meeting. Whose company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

The friend appointed to remove the Books from the former clerk, reports that they have been removed.

This meeting is informed that the select meeting has received information of the appointment of Ruth Fay to the station of an Elder.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore and Ohio, have been read at this time to our satisfaction and edification.

This meeting concludes intending to meet at Smithfield in 2d month next if permitted.—

Ann L. Buffum Cl

Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield 2d mo 10th 1842.—

The representatives named in the accounts from our several monthly meetings are the following for Smithfield Hannah Arnold, Deborah Grover, Waity Harvey, and Thisby Andrews. — Uxbridge Phebe S. Marsh, Polly Southwick Sarah Clapp, and Mary S. Bassett. — Bolton Hannah Holder and Olive Wheeler. — Richmond Ruth Randall and Lucy Wheeler. — Present except 4 one of whom sent a satisfactory reason for her absence. — — —

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th have been read at this time. —

The London printed Epistle has been read to our satisfaction and encouragement. —

This meeting concludes intending to meet at Northbridge in 5th month next if permitted. —

Ann L. Buffum Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Northbridge 5 Mo 12d 1842 —

By accounts from our respective monthly meetings the representatives to this are, from Smithfield — Sarah A. Earle Mary Steere Thisby Andrews Lucinda Shearman and Lydia R. Kelley. Uxbridge Lydia B. Capron Mercy Ann Hathaway and Polly Southwick. Bolton Lydia Gates and Ruth Holder. — Richmond Eunice Brewer and Abigail Emerson. — Present except Lydia Gates and Abigail Emerson The former sent a satisfactory reason for her absence. — — —

The Queries have been read and a summary prepared which with an account we forward to the yearly Meeting by our representatives Sus gaskill Alice Rathbun Hannah Holder Phebe S. Marsh and Mary B. Allen whom we appoin to attend said meeting and report to our next Quarterly meeting

This meeting concludes intending to meet at Bolton in 8th mo next if permitted. —

Ann L. Buffum

Answers to the Queries

1st

All our meetings for worship and disciplin have been attended except three - one for worship and two for discipline - the neglect of whi was occasioned by sickness and inclement weathe still our meetings are not at all times so fully attended as might be desired - the hour nearly observed - Friends are mostly preserve sleeping - no other unbecoming behaviour noticed therein. —

2d

Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, detraction mostly guarded against - nearly clear of differences - when any have arisen care has been taken to end them. —

3d

We believe Friends endeavour to bring up their children in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel; also to restrain them from reading pernicious books and corrupt conversatio they are generally exemplary herein themselves - the Holy Scriptures are we trust frequently read in their families. —

4th

The use of spiritous liquors is we think avoided except for medicine, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of publick resort also avoided. — Moderation and temperance are we believe observed on account of births marriages burials and on other occasions. —

5th

The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved their children partake of learning sufficient for business none placed from among friends. — — —

6th

Parents and heads of families are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. — the young and unmarried are not all so careful as would be best — Care has been extended when it has appeared necessary. —

7th

We believe our testimonies are pretty well maintained with respect to the several parts of this query. —

8th

Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, also to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances. —

9th Generally careful with respect to removals several removals without certificates which are under notice. —

10th

Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably as required by the query and judgment is placed where it appears necessary according to discipline. — — .

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Wom
friends held at Bolton 8th Mo 11th 1842.—

By accounts recd from our several Mo meetings the representatives therein named a as follows — from Smithfield Sarah A. Earle Elizabeth A. Osborne Catharine Comstock an Hanna W. Grover — Uxbridge Ruth Earle Phebe S. Marsh and Mary S. Bassett — Bolton Elizab Babcock and Amey Fry. — Richmond Ruth Ra dall and Abigail Emerson. Present except Hanna W. Grover and those Richmond. The

The queries with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th have been read at this time.—

This meeting is informed that the representatives attended the quarterly meeting except Phebe S. Marsh who was prevented by sickness in her family. —

The report of the Boarding School Comt with and excellent Epistle of advice from the yearly meeting have been read and are satisfactory and encouraging. — Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meetings of New York and Virginia have been read to our edification. — —

The year having expired for which the Clerks were appointed Elizabeth A. Osbo and Phebe S. Marsh are appointed to propose suitable friends for the place and report at our next quarterly meeting. — —

This meeting concludes intending to meet at Northbridge in 11th Mo next if permitted.

Ann L. Buffum Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Southbridge 11th Mo 10th 1842. —

The representatives named in the accounts from our several monthly meetings are from Smithfield Abigail Inman, Eunice Kelly, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Sabra Flowers and Mary Stone. Uxbridge Sarah Congdon Anna Bassett, Susan D. Clapp and Ruth Earle. Bolton Amey Fry and Olive Wheeler. Richmond Lucy Wheeler and Susanna Bassett. Being called are present except Susannah Bassett who sent a satisfactory reason for absence. — —

The Friends appointed on the subject of Clerks propose the reappointment of Ann L. Buffum and Lydia E. Chase which is satisfactory and they are appointed for one year. — —

The Queries with answers to the three usually answered at this time have been read. —

Our esteemed friend Edward Gove attended this meeting with a certificate from Seabrook monthly whose company and religious services have been acceptable. His companion David Challis with a certificate from the same monthly meeting was also acceptably with us. — —

Uxbridge Mo meeting inform that they have concluded to propose the appointment of Ruth Earle to the station of an Elder — with which this meeting having the concurrence of our men friends unite. — Catherine Comstock is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting and report at our next meeting. —

Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meetings of Philadelphia and Baltimore have been read at this time to our encouragement. —

This meeting concludes intending to meet at Smithfield in 2d Mo next if permitted. Clk

Ann L. Buffum

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2d Mo 9th 1843. —

By accounts received from our several Monthly meetings the representatives therein named are, from Smithfield, Susan Gaskill, Alice Rathbun, Hannah Ann Sarah Shearman, and Mary Steere. Uxbridge Phebe S. Marsh, Azuba Aldrich, and Sarah H. Earle. Bolton Dinah Kimmins, and Sarah P. Wheeler. Richmond Ruth Randall, and Lucy Wheeler — who are present except Mary Steere, Sarah Shearman, a Lucy Wheeler, and those from Bolton. Lucy Wheeler from Richmond and the representatives from Bolton informed that they were prevented attending the Quarterly Meeting by the extreme difficulty of travelling — which reason was satisfactory.

The Queries with answers to the 1, 2, 10, have been read at this time.

Catherine Comstock reports, that the select meeting has been informed of the appointment of Ruth Earle to the station of an Elder.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of North Carolina, Ohio, and Indiana, have been read at time to our encouragement and edification. — —

Under renewed evidence of our Heavenly Fath love in allowing us to assemble at this time — we conclude — intending to meet at Northbridge in in 5 mo next if permitted. — —

Ann L. Buffum Clk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th Mo 11th 1843. —

The representatives named in the accounts received from our several Monthly meetings are from Smithfield Elizabeth A. Osborne, Mary Steere, Susan Gaskill, Catharine Comstock, and Thisby Andrews. Uxbridge Polly Southwick, Sarah Clapp, Huldah Aldrich, and Azuba Aldrich. Bolton Ruth Holder, and Hannah Holder. Richmond Mary Allen, and Lucy Wheeler. Present except Ruth Holder and Lucy Wheeler. The former was detained at home by sickness. — —

The Queries with answers to the same have been read at this time from which from which we have collected a summary; and this with an account, we forward to our yearly Meeting by our representatives Lydia C. Chase, Alice Rathbun, Hannah Holder, Mary B. Allen and Ann L. Buffum, whom are appointed to attend the same, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting. — —

This Meeting concludes intending to meet at Bolton in 8th Mo next if permitted. — —

Ann L. Buffum Clk

Ans 1st Queries

All our Meetings for religious worship and Discipline have been attended except one for discipline and a number of small ones for worship the omission of which was occasioned by indisposition and bad travelling — generally by most of our members. The hour nearly observed — not much appearance of sleep or other unbecoming behaviour. — — —

2d Love and unity generally maintained. Friends mostly engaged to guard against detraction. No differences have come to our knowledge.——

3d We believe most Friends endeavor to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behavior and apparel; also to restrain them from reading pernicious books and corrupt conversation, they are generally exemplary herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are (we trust) frequently read in their families.—

4th We believe the use of spiritous liquors is avoided except for medicine also the frequenting of places of public resort. Moderation and temperance are in a good degree observed on all occasions.——

5th The circumstances of the poor have have been attended to and their necessities relieved. Care is taken with regard to the education of children — None placed out from among Friends. ~ ~ ~

6th Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline — where deviations have occurred care has been extended.—

7th We believe Friends are generally careful to maintain our testimony with respect to the several part of this query.—

8th Friends are careful, we believe, to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual in their promises, and just in the payment of their debts; and endeavour to live within the bounds of their circumstances.— —

9th Care is taken with respect to records and certificates.— – –

10th Care is taken for the regular dealing with offenders in a good degree as queried – and judgment is placed when it appears necessary according to discipline: – – –

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8 Mo 10th 1843.— – –

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows – from Smithfield Lydia B. Coe, Diana C. Aldrich, Hannah Aldrich, and Deborah Grover. Uxbridge Sarah Clapp, Rachel Earle, Rachel Battey, Phebe S. Marsh, and Hannah Sprague, Bolton Lydia Gates, and Elizabeth Badcock. Richmond Eunice Brewer and Lucy Wheeler.— Present except three a satisfactory reason has been given for the absence of Phebe S. Marsh.

The Queries have been read with answers to the three usually answered at this time

We are informed that the representatives attended the Yearly Meeting with the exception of Alice Rathbun who gave a satisfactory reason for her absence.

We have recd and read extracts from our last Yearly Meetings containing a report of the Boarding

School committee which are satisfactory to us. —

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of New York and Philadelphia have been read to our encouragement.

This meeting concludes - intending to meet at Northbridge in 11th Mo next if permitted. —

Ann L Buffum Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11th Mo. 9th 184

The representatives named in the accounts fro our several Monthly Meetings are from Smithfield Mercy Taber, Lucy Farnum, Thisby Andrews, Sylva Brock and Lydia R. Kelley — Uxbridge Milly Aldrich, Azuba Aldrich, and Ruth Earle — Bolton Ruth Fry, and Mary Payson — Richmond Ruth Randall, and Susanna Bassett - Being called, are present except those from Richmond. — —

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th have been read at this time.

We have received and read extracts from our last yearly Meeting also transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and Indiana the contents of which, have been encouraging and satisfactory to us. — .

The year having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this meeting - Ruth Fry, and Ruth Earle are requested to confer with suitable friends for the service, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting. —

Under a sense of Divine favor this meeting concludes - intending to meet in 2d mo. next at Smithfield if permitted. —

Ann L. Buffum Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2d mo. 8th 1844. —

By accounts recd from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are as follows — from Smithfield, Thisby Andrews, Alice Rathbun, Ruth M. Batty and Lydia R. Kelley. Uxbridge Phebe S. Marsh, Sarah H. Earle and Mary S. Bassett. Bolton Olive Wheeler and Ruth Fry. Richmond Lucy Wheeler and Ruth Randall. Being called, are present except Thisby Andrews and Lucy Wheeler - both of whom sent satisfactory reasons for their absence. — -

The Queries have been read with answers to those usually answered at this time. —

The friends appointed on the subject of Clerks propose the reappointment of Ann L. Buffum for Clerk, and the appointment of Ann B. Earle for assistant, which being satisfactory to the meeting, they are appointed for one year. —

Our esteemed friend Mary Shove, with a copy of a minute from Swansey Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her in her present engagement, attended this Meeting, Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Anna D. Wing, with a copy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her in her present engagement, attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to sign a minute agreeable to the tenor of each of the above, and forward to the respective Monthly Meetings. —

[illegible] of Epistles from the yearly Meetings of North Carolina Ohio and Virginia have been read at this time, to [illegible] satisfaction and encouragement.

This Meeting is informed, that our men Friends have united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joel Marsh to the Station of an Elder, with which we also unite. — -

Under a sense of the continued extensions of Divine regard this meeting concludes, purposing to meet again at Northbridge in 5 mo if permitted.

Anne L. Buffum Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th month 9th 1844 -

The representatives named in the Accounts from our several Monthly meetings, are; from Smithfield Hannah Aldrich, Mary Steere, Elizabeth A Osborne, Catharine Comstock and Thisby Andrews: Ubridge, Polly Southwick, Mary B. Wing, Susan C. Clapp, and Rachel Battey: Bolton, Ruth Fry and Mary A. Reindall: Richmond, Susanna Bassett and Lucy Wheeler. All present except Susanna Bassett.

The Queries, with answers thereto - have been read at this time; from which a Summary has been prepared; which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives, Mary B. Allen, Phebe S. Marsh, Alice Rathbun, Sarah H. Earle, and Ruth Fry, whom we appoint to attend the same; and they are requested to report their attendance to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our esteemed friend Charles Taber attended this meeting, with certificate from Farnum Monthly meeting endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting: his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

His companion, Paul Southwick with a certifica from Peru Monthly meeting was also acceptably with us at this time.

Our esteemed friend David E Knowles, with a certificate from Farnum Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly meeting, attended this meeting: his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Under a sense of Divine love and regard extended to us at this time, this Meeting concludes; intending to meet again at Bolton in the 8th month next, if permitted.

Ann L. Buffum Clk.

Answers -

1st - Except four small meetings - two for worship and two for discipline, which omissions were occasioned by inclemency of weather and indisposition of some friends, all our meetings have been attended, and generally by the greater part of our members: the hour nearly observed, mostly clear of sleep and other unbecoming behaviour therein.

2 - Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained by most friends; detraction measurably guarded against; where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

3 We believe friends endeavour to bring up their children in plainness of speech, behehaviour and apparel: to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation: They are generally exemplary herein themselves: The Holy Scriptures are, (we trust) frequently read in their families.

th We believe the use of spirituous liquors is avoided except for medicine; also the frequenting of places of public resort: moderation and temperance are observed on account of births, marriages, burials and other occasions.

th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved; their children partake of learning sufficient for business; none placed out from among friends.

th Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that proceedings with respect to marriage, be conformable to discipline.

7th - We believe friends are generally careful to maintain our testimony with respect to the several parts of this query.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; also punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Marriage certificates are all recorded: births and deaths not so well attended to: some removals without certificates, wherein care has been taken

10th Care has been taken regularly to deal with offender in a good degree as queried after; and judgme has been placed when it appeared necessary according to our discipline.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Frien held at Bolton 8th Mo 8th 1844.——

By accounts from our several our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are as follows - from Smithfield Mary B. Allen, Ruth M. Batty, Susan Gaskill, Thisby Andrews, and Sarah A. Ea Uxbridge Phebe S. Marsh, Azuba Aldrich, Lydia A. Chase, and Milly Aldrich. Bolton Lydia Gates and Elizabeth Badcock. Richmond, Eunice Brewer and Ruth Randall. —Being called are present except Susan Gaskill and Ruth Randall.—

The Queries with the usual answers from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

We are informed that our representatives attended the Quarterly Meeting.—

Our beloved friend John Pease with a certificate from Darlington Monthly Meeting endorse by Durham Quarterly Meeting and one from the

Yearly Meeting of ministers and Elders held in London by adjournments from the 22^d and 23^d of 5^th Mo – to the 3^d of 6^th Mo 1844. expressive of their unity and sympathy with him in his present engagement attended this meetg – his company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us. –

His companion Samuel Hillis with a certified copy of a minute from Wilmington Mo Meeting (Delaware) hath also been very acceptably with us.

Extracts from our last yearly meetings minutes containing the report of the Boarding School committee have been read and are satisfactory to us. –

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly Meeting of Women friends have been read at this time and have been strengthening and encourageing to many among us. –

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London and Baltimore have been read at this time to our satisfaction and edification.

Under a sense of Divine regard, this meeting concludes, intending to meet at Northbridge in 11^th Mo next if permitted.

Ann L. Buffum Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11^th Mo 14^th 1844. –

The representatives named in the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings are as follows viz from Smithfield Mary B. Allen Ruth M. Bailey Susan Gaskill Thisby Andrews and Sarah A. Earle Uxbridge Phebe S. Marsh Aruba Aldrich Lydia C. Chase and Milley Aldrich. Bolton

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11mo 14th 1844.

The representatives named in the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings are as follows Viz from Smith from Smithfield Catharine Comstock Mary Steere Hannah Aldrich ~~Mary Steere~~ and Sylvia Brooks. Uxbridge Sarah Clapp Polly Southwick Rhoda Wheeler and Anna Bassett. Bolton Olive Wheeler and Hannah Holder. Richmond Susanna Bassett and Clarrissa A. Sabin. Present except three from Smithfield and Clarrissa A. Sabin from Richmond.

Catharine Comstock sent a satisfactory reason for her non-attendance.

The Queries with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th have been read at this time

Our esteemed friend Benjamin Fry with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting (New Hampshire attended this — His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Lemuel Gifford with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting held at Yarmouth has also been with us at this time. His company and religious services have been acceptable. His companions Isaac Gifford and his wife Phebe R. Gifford have also been acceptably with us. The Clerk is directed to sign minutes agreeable to the tenor of these which are to be forwarded to each of the respective monthly meetings.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting proposes the appointment of Abigail Inman to the Station of an Elder — which after due consideration in this was united with having the concurrence of our men friends herein — Sarah Clapp is appointed to inform the select meeting and report to our next Quarterly meeting.—

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Philadelphia have been read to our encouragement. —-

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed to serve this meeting Mary B. Allen and Lydia E. Chase are appointed to confer with suitable friends for the service and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Under as sense of the continued extensions of Divine love this meeting concludes, intending to meet at Smithfield in 2d Mo next if permitted. —

Ann L. Buffum Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2d Mo 13th 1845. —

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows - from Smithfield Catharine Comstock, Ruth M. Battey, Lucy Farnum and Elizabeth A. Osborne. Uxbridge Mary S. Bassett Lydia E. Chase and Phebe S. Marsh. Bolton Mary A Randall and Sarah P. Wheeler. Richmond Eunice Brewer and Ruth Randall. Who are present except Ruth Randall

The Queries with the usual answers have been read at this time.

Our esteemed friend Samuel Taylor Junr. with a minute from Sydney monthly meetg attended this meeting - his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. —

Our esteemed friend David Dudley with a certificate from St. Albans Monthly Meeting attended this - his company and religious services have been very acceptable. His companion David Douglass with a minute from from the same Mo meeting was also acceptably with us.

The friends appointed to propose suitable persons for the service of Clerks - propose the reappointment of Ann L. Buffum and Ann B. Earle which is united with, and they are appointed for the present year.

We have received a document of advice and information issued by the meeting for sufferings held in Providence by adjournments - And although we learn from it that a painful separation has taken place in all ~~of~~ the monthly meetings within the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting - We are comforted in the belief that the number of seceders is small, and that there is still a large number who stand firm for the good order of society and the support of our discipline - and we trust the Lord will be with these, for strength and encouragement. —

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of New York and Indiana have been read at this time to our satisfaction and encouragement.

This meeting concludes, intending to meet at Northbridge in 5th Mo next if permitted.

Ann L. Buffum Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th Mo 8th 1845. —

By accounts recd from our several monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Abigail Inman, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Mary Steere Sarah Shearman and Lydia R. Kelley. Uxbridge Anna Bassett, Ruth Earle and Mercy Ann Wing. Bolton Hannah Holder and Rachel T. Holder (No account from Richmond) Who are present except Sarah Shearman and Ruth Earle. —

The queries with answers thereto have been read and a summary prepared therefrom, which we forward with an account to the Yearly meeting by our

Mary B. Allen Lydia R. Kelley Ruth Fry Lydia E. Chase Alice Rathbun and Hannah Holder whom we appoint to attend the same and report to our next meeting.

A transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly meety of Dublin has been read to our edification and encouragement.

The clerk omitting to enquire at our last meeting whether the select the select meeting had been informed of the appointment of Abigail Inman to the station of an Elder — we learn at this time that the meeting has received the information.

This meeting concludes under a sense of the renewed extensions of Divine love - intending to meet at Bolton in 8mo next if permitted. ——

Ann L. Buffum Clk.

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for worship and Discipline have been attended except a few small ones for worship; nonattendance occasioned by inclement weather - those on first day generally attended by most of our members - week day meetings frequently small - The hour nearly observed - not much appearance of sleep, or other unbecoming behaviour. —

2d Love and unity generally maintained among us, detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

3d Most Friends endeavour to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation; and are themselves generally exemplar in these respects. We believe that the Holy Scriptures ar frequently read in the families of most Friends.—

4th We believe Friends avoid the use of spiritous liquors except for medicine; also to discourage the frequenting of taverns and places of public resort. Moderation and temperance are observed on accoun of births, marriages, burials and on other occasions.

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved — their children partake of learning sufficient for business. None plac from among friends.

6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th Friends are generally careful to maintain ou testimony with respect to the several parts of this query.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; and endeavour to be punctual to their promises, and just in discharging their debts; and careful to live within the limits of their circumstances.—

9th Mostly clear respecting records, — care is taken with regard to certificates.

10th Care is extended toward offenders measurably as required by the query — and judgment is placed where it appears necessary, according to discipline.—

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 11th 1845

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are for
Smithfield Susan Gaskill, Mary Steere, Elizabeth A. Osborne and Lydia R. Keller
Uxbridge Phebe S. Marsh, Ruth Cape, Mary S. Bassett and Ann B. Earle.
Bolton Lydia Gates and Ann Southwick
Richmond Lucy Wheeler and Ruth Rawson
who are all present except Lucy Wheeler.

The answers to the several queries have been read at this time from each of our monthly meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they attended except one who rendered a satisfactory reason for her non attendance.

An epistle of advice and instruction from our last Yearly Meeting addressed to the different Quarterly and monthly meetings and individual members has been read at this time and although alluding in a feeling manner to that spirit of fault finding and division which has caused a painful secession of a small portion of our members; yet we have been encouraged to believe that as we maintain a strict reliance upon Him who is able to direct us aright we shall be preserved in that unity which is so precious to all rightly concerned friends.

Transcripts of epistles from New York, London and Philadelphia have also been acceptably read at this time.

Under a renewed sense of the continuance of Divine Favor this meeting concludes proposing to meet at Northbridge in 11th month next if permitted.

Ann B. Earle
Assistant Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11th month 13th 1845

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are fr Smithfield Frisby Andrews, Catharine Comstock Ruth M. Bailey and Roanna W Grover: Uxbridge Ruth Earle Elizabeth Southwick Lucretia Southw and Rachel Bailey; Bolton Olive Wheeler an Sarah P Wheeler Richmond Lucy Wheeler an Eunice Brewer

The queries with the required answers from each of our monthly meetings have been read at this time

Information is received from Smithfield monthly meeting that they have approved of the public appearances in the ministry of Lydia R Keller with which this meeting after solid consideration unites having the concurrence of men friends and Phebe S Marsh is appointed to infor the select Quarterly Meeting thereof

Transcripts of Epistles from Ohio Indiana North Carolina and Baltimore also the general printed epistle from London have been read at this time we trust to our instruction and encouragement and desires have been afresh awakened in our hearts that we may profit by the excellent precepts therein inculcated

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed Ruth Fee and Ruth Earle are appointed to confer with suitable persons for that service and report to our next meeting

Under a renewed sense of the continued love and regard of the Holy Head of the Church this meeting concludes purposing to meet at Smithfield in 2nd month if permitted

Ann B Earle
Assistant Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2nd mo 12th 1849

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are for, Smithfield Thisby Andrews Abigail Inman Hannah Aldrich and Sylvia Brooks
Uxbridge Sarah Clapp Phebe L. Marsh Mary Bassett and Ann B Earle.
Bolton Ruth Fry and Julianna Wheeler
Richmond Eunice Brewer and Ruth Randall who are all present except three

The friends appointed to confer with some persons for clerk and assistant propose the appointment of Ann B. Earle for clerk and Elizabeth Southwick as assistant which being satisfactory to the meeting they are accordingly appointed for one year

Our esteemed friend Anna D. Wing is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Rhode Island monthly meeting held at Newport her company and religious services are acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend Reuben Jones attended this meeting with a minute from Lichfield monthly meeting expressive of their unity with him in his present engagement his company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us

Also Our friend Valentine J Meader as companion to Reuben Jones with a minute from Lichfield monthly meeting his company and solid deportment have been grateful to us and the clerk is directed to sign copies of the above with the clerk of mens meeting

The queries have been read with answers to the first 2nd and 10th from each of our monthly meetings

Phebe L Marsh reports that she has informed the select Quarterly Meeting of the approval of this meeting of the public appearances in the ministry of Lydia R Kelley

Under a renewed sense of the continuation of Divine love we conclude purposing to meet at Northbridge in 5th month next if permitted.

Ann B. Earle Cl

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held 5th mo 14th 1840

The representatives named in the accounts from o several monthly meetings are from Smithfield, Ma Stone, Sarah A Earle, Catharine Comstock, Hanna R. Aldrich, Elizabeth A. Osborne and Lydia R. Kelly Uxbridge Polly Southwick, Phebe S Marsh, Mary S. Bassett Susan D. Clapp, Mercy Ann Cline and Ann B. Earle. Bolton Hannah Holder and Mary Southwic Richmond Susannah Bassett and Ruth Randall Who being called are all present except Susannah Bassett and Ann B. Earle, the latter of whom was prevented attending by indisposition in her family,

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from each of the monthly meetings. We have prepared a summary from the answers which we forward by our friends Elizabeth A Osborne, Catharine Comstock, Polly Southwick, Thusby Andrews, Phebe S. Marsh & Sarah Clapp whom we appoint our representatives & who are requested to report their attendance to our next Quarterly Meeting

Information is received from Uxbridge Mo Meeting that they have with much unanimity appointed Polly Southwick to the Station of an elder with which this meeting unites having the concurrence of men friends; Catharine Comstock is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof and report to our next Quarterly meeting

Under a renewed sense of Divine regard and condescension this meeting concludes purposing to meet again in 8th month next at Bolton if permitted

Elizabeth Southwick Assistant Clk

Answers to the Queries

1st On account of indisposition of members, and the inclemency of the weather eleven meetings for worship and two for discipline, most of them small, have been unattended; excepting these, they have been attended and generally by most of our members on first-days, week-day meetings not so fully attended the hour has been nearly observed – not much appearance of sleeping – no other unbecoming behavior noticed

2nd Love and unity are generally maintained we believe friends endeavor to stand against detraction and no differences have come to our knowledge.

3rd We believe most friends endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to discourage them from unprofitable reading and conversation and also to be exemplary herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are, we trust, frequently read in friends families.

4th. The use of spirituous liquors is avoided, except for medicine mostly clear of frequenting taverns, and places of public resort. Moderation and temperance are observed on the account of births, marriages, burials and on other occasions.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved their children partake of learning sufficient for business; none placed out from among friends.

6th Parents and heads of families, are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline. The young are not all so careful as is desirable

7th Friends are generally careful to maintain a faithful testimony against the several particulars named in this query

8th We believe friends generally inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, also punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstan

9th Mostly careful in regard to records and certificate

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders, measurably a first in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, and to place judgment according to discipline;

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Frien
held 8th mo 13th 1848

By accounts accounts received from our sever monthly meetings the representatives therein nam are for Smithfield Judith Dow Lucy Payson Catharine Comstock Hannah Aldrich & Ruth M. [illegible] Uxbridge, Anna Burrill Mary Brown Wing Sarah Clapp and Polly Southwick Bolton Hannah Holder and Elizabeth Badco Richmond Sussannah Pond & Lucy Wheeler who are present except two one of whom sent a satisfactory reason for her nonattendance.

The Queries have been read with answers to th three usually answered from each of our monthly Meetings. The representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended

We are informed that the appointment of Polly Southwick to the station of an elder has been reported to the Select Quarterly Meeting

We have received at this time the London printed epistle, the report of the boarding school committee, extracts from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends also an epistle from the Yearly Meeting to the subordinate meet all of which have been read acceptably to us

Information is received from Uxbridge monthly meeting that they had united with men's meeting in appointing Joseph Clapp to the station of an eld men friends inform that they have deferred the subject to another Quarter with which this meeting unites

This meeting concludes purposing to meet in North bridge in 11th month next if permitted

Ann B Earle Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Uxbridge 11th Mo 12th. 1846.

The representatives named in the accounts are from Smithfield Sarah A. Earle, Diana C. Aldrich, Elizabeth A. Osborne & Lydia R. Kelly— Uxbridge Ruth Earle, Lydia B. Capron, & Milly Aldrich. Bolton, Olive Wheeler and Sarah P. Wheeler. Richmond Lucy Wheeler & Ruth Randall— five of whom are present. A satisfactory reason has been rendered for the nonattendance of Diana C. Aldrich & Lydia B Capron.

The clerk being absent, the assistant is requested to act as clerk for the day, and Sarah A. Earle as assistant, with which this meeting unites.

The queries have been read at this time and the answers to the 1st, 2nd & 10th, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Transcripts of Epistles from Dublin, Indiana, North Carolina and O. Baltimore have been read, to our edification and satisfaction.

Men friends informed that they have united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Clapp to the station of an Elder, with which this meeting unites.

With desires that our strength may be renewed in the Lord, this meeting concludes, purposing to meet in 2nd Mo next at Smithfield if permitted.

Elizabeth Southwick Clk. for the day

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2nd Mo 11th [illegible]

By accounts from our respective monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Lydia B. Capron Elizabeth A. Osborne Lucy G. Pawson Ruth M. Buffum and Lydia R. Kelly Uxbridge Lydia C. Chase Alice Ann Winn and Keziah Aldrich Bolton Alice B. Wheeler and Sarah P. Wheeler. Richmond Ruth Randall and Lucy Wheeler: all present except those from Rikhmond The queries have been read with answers to the three usually answered from each of our monthly meetings.

Our esteemed friend Edward Gove is in attendance of this meeting with a copy of a minute from Seabrook monthly meeting expressive of their unity with him in his present engagement his company and religious services have been acceptab to us. The London printed epistle fraught wit much instruction and encouragement has been re at this time and the feeling has been expressed that by individually attending to its counsel w shall more fully realize its excellence; transcrip of epistles from London and New York have also been acceptably read at this time. The time having expired for which the clerk and assistant were appointed Elizabeth A Osborne and Phebe S Marsh are appointed to consider the subject and bring forward the names of suitable persons for those stations

Under a renewed sense of the extension of Divine power the meeting concludes purposing t in 5th mo next at Northbridge if permitted

Ann B. Earle Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Nort bridge 5th mo 13th 1847

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are for Smithfield Maria Buffum Ruth M Battey, Sarah A Earle and Lydia R Kelley Uxbridge, Polly Southwick Phebe S Marsh Susan D Clapp and Mary S Bassett Bolton Olive Wheeler and Ruth Fry Richmond Lucy Wheeler and Susanna Bassett present except two one of which rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence

The committee on the subject of clerks report the names of Ann B. Earle for Clerk and Elizabeth Southwick for assistant which being acceptable to the meeting they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year

The queries have been read with answers thereto from each of our monthly meetings from which a summary has been prepared to forward to the Yearly meeting with an account and we appoint Mary B. Allen Ruth Earle Lydia R Kelley Milly Aldrich Ruth Fry to attend the same and report next Quarter

A lively and deeply interesting memorial of our deceased friend Alice Rathbun prepared by Smithfield monthly meeting has been read at this time which was fully united with by this meeting and in contemplation of her devoted and useful life we have been ready to say with the Psalmist Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they cease from their labors and their works do follow them

Under a sense of Divine favor this meeting concludes purposing to meet at Bolton in 8th month next if permitted.

Ann B Earle Clerk

Answers to the Queries

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except 2 small meetings those on 1st day by the greater part of friends midweek meetings not so fully attended the hour nearly observed not much appearance of sleep or other unbecoming behaviour therein

2nd. Love and unity generally maintained detraction mostly guarded against no differences have come to our knowledge

3rd Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel also to dissuade them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation are mostly exemplary herein themselves The Holy Scriptures are we trust frequently read in their families

4th We believe the use of spirituous liquors is avoided except for medicine; the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort also avoided; moderation and temperance are observed on account of births marriages and on other occasions

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved, their children freely partake of learning none placed from among friends

6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline

7th We believe our testimonies are generally maintained with respect to the several parts of this query

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts also punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within their circumstances

9th Some deficiencies exist with regard to this query in which care has been taken

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably we trust as required and judgment placed when it appears necessary according to discipline

Ann B. Earle Clerk.